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## China to ban US military visits to Hong Kong

### Sanctions also announced in retaliation for Washington's support of protesters

By KEN MORITSUGU  
Associated Press

HONG KONG — China said Monday it will suspend U.S. military ship and aircraft visits to Hong Kong and will sanction several American pro-democracy and human rights groups in retaliation for the signing into law of legislation supporting anti-

government demonstrations in the semi-autonomous territory.

While the nature of the sanctions remained unclear, the move followed Chinese warnings that the U.S. would bear the costs if the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act were approved.

The steps are "in response to Amer-

ica's unreasonable behavior," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said in Beijing, adding that the legislation seriously interfered in China's internal affairs.

The law, signed last Wednesday by President Donald Trump, mandates sanctions on Chinese and Hong Kong officials who carry out human rights

abuses and requires an annual review of the favorable trade status that Washington grants Hong Kong.

The legislation was backed by U.S. lawmakers who are sympathetic to the protesters and have criticized Hong Kong police for cracking down on the pro-democracy movement.

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Pro-democracy demonstrators carry U.S. flags as they march near Hong Kong's financial district during a rally along the region's waterfront on Sunday.

No HAN GUAN/AP



## Military families weigh legal options over mold infestation

By ROSE L. THAYER  
Stars and Stripes

AUSTIN, Texas — Tamara Terry fears her family's legacy of military service might end with her children being denied the opportunity. The daughter of a Navy SEAL and the spouse of a soldier, Terry can rattle off the many uncles and family members who did or do serve in the military.

But after living three years in post housing at Fort Bragg, N.C., that was

plagued with mold, the 27-year-old mother of three said her children have collected medical diagnoses she worries could hinder any chance at military service.

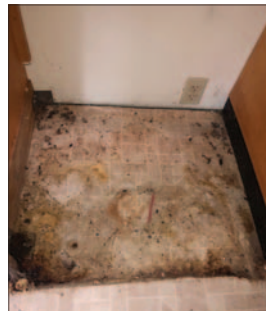
"It's something my children may not be able to pursue," said Terry, who is expecting twins. Her children are 8, 5, and 8 months old. One was diagnosed with sleep apnea, another with consistent bronchitis. Her younger son had such severe respiratory issues that, at one point, it caused him to stop breathing, she said.

After weighing their options, Terry's

family hired an attorney and intends to sue Corvias, the private company that she said was negligent and unhelpful in dealing with the mold. Her children's future is what tipped the scales toward legal action.

"What if they get older and say they want to be in the military, but ... get turned away for medical problems?" Terry said. "Can you put a price on that type of stuff, really? No. But does it help to know that their medical and their college later on might be padded and paid for? Yes."

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Army spouse Tamara Terry found mold and mildew growing underneath the dishwasher of her on-post home at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Tamara Terry

MILITARY

# USS New Orleans arrives in Sasebo

Ship will be joined by USS America, raising number of 7th Fleet amphibious vessels to 5

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The amphibious transport dock USS New Orleans — one of two ships the Navy said would be sent to Sasebo Naval Base after the USS Wasp's fall departure — pulled into its new homeport on Sunday.

It is expected to be joined soon by the USS America, which left San Diego last month. Once in Japan, the amphibious assault ship will replace the Wasp as flagship of Expeditionary Squadron 11, Expeditionary Strike Group 7.

The addition of the two ships will raise the 7th Fleet's number of deployed amphibious vessels from three to five, alongside the Sasebo-based USS Ashland, USS Green Bay and USS Germantown. The squadron often integrates with the Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

"We welcome the USS New Orleans crew and families who will be an incredible addition to our forward deployed team in the Seventh Fleet theater," Rear Adm. Fred Kacher, Expeditionary Strike Group 7 commander, said in a Navy statement.

The 684-foot New Orleans has a crew of 322 enlisted sailors and 28 officers. When accompanied by a Marine detachment, the

onboard population can swell to about 800.

"The increase in capacity to our amphibious forces this great ship represents will allow us to operate more regularly with our allies and partners in this vital region and support even stronger naval integration with our number one warfighting partner, the United States Marine Corps," Kacher said in the statement.

A 7th Fleet spokesman declined to say when the America would arrive in Sasebo, on the Japanese island of Kyushu. The ship's official Facebook page said the crew celebrated Thanksgiving "somewhere in the Pacific."

The Wasp moved to Naval Station Norfolk, Va., in September, after serving about 1½ years in Japan. During its time with the 7th Fleet, the amphibious assault ship made history as the first to deploy with the Marine Corps' F-35B Lightning II stealth fighter, which is capable of short takeoffs and vertical landings.

The Wasp in January 2018 replaced the USS Bonhomme Richard, which spent six years in Sasebo before returning to the U.S. to have its flight deck reconfigured to handle the F-35B.

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VICTORIA SUTTON/U.S. Navy

An F/A-18E Super Hornet lands on the flight deck of the USS Harry S. Truman in the Atlantic Ocean on Sunday. The Truman strike group is conducting operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet's area of responsibility.

## Truman begins European mission

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — The USS Harry S. Truman has begun operations in the Atlantic Ocean, marking its first deployment into European waters this year, the Navy said.

The deployment is also the first since the Nimitz-class carrier underwent months of repairs to its electrical system, forcing its strike group to deploy without it.

The aim of the deployment is to show commitment to allies in the region, Truman commander Rear Adm. Andrew J. Loisele said.

"These vital sea lanes must remain open for global commerce and prosperity, and nothing in the world is able to foster regional security like a carrier strike group," Loisele said in a statement Sunday.

Russia has stepped up naval activity in the Mediterranean and the Arctic, causing concern for U.S. military commanders in Europe.

The Truman strike group will perform missions in the Naples, Italy-based 6th Fleet's area of operations before it moves to the Middle East, where the carrier is expected to relieve the USS Abraham Lincoln in

the Arabian Sea where it was dispatched earlier this year as tensions with Iran escalated.

In 2018, the Truman deployed to the Mediterranean, where it conducted airstrikes against Islamic State targets in Syria and performed the first aircraft carrier patrol in the Arctic since the Cold War.

The Truman was sidelined for three months earlier this year to allow repairs to be made to its electrical system. Six days after it was declared fixed and ready to go to sea in mid-November, it set out to "reintegrate the carrier strike group," Navy Times reported at the time.

The Truman's entry into U.S. European Command territory comes as President Donald Trump heads to London this week for a meeting of NATO leaders.

On Tuesday, allies are expected to discuss security in Europe, including an alliance initiative focused on boosting the combat readiness of allied aircraft, ground units and warships. The NATO initiative, called the Four Thirties plan, calls for NATO by 2020 to have 30 battalions, 30 air squadrons and 30 warships that can be in action within 30 days' notice.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Afghan soldier sentenced for killing commander

By J.P. LAWRENCE  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan soldier who was fired and had his military records deleted after he went absent without leave for several months has been sentenced to death for killing his commander over a dispute about back pay.

An Afghan military court last week sentenced Sayed Musa to death for the premeditated murder in October of his commanding officer, Hashmatullah Yaqobi.

Musa was fired after he abandoned his unit for three months during the summer. When he returned to the 209th Shaheen

Corps in the northern province of Sar-e-Pul in October, he was told he had to travel to other bases to refile his paperwork or he would not get paid.

Carrying a loaded M-16, Musa confronted his commanding officer, Yaqobi, and demanded to know how to get his back wages, the soldier said in his confession.

After the commander told him to “cool down” and said they would try to sort out the problem, Musa shot him in the chest three times.

When he saw Yaqobi was still moving, he shot him three more times.

Money for the Afghan military primarily comes from the U.S. The U.S. has given

\$77 billion since 2002 to support Afghanistan's military, including \$423 million in the last year to pay for the salaries of those in the Afghan Army, reports from Pentagon watchdog groups said.

Afghan troops often leave their posts without permission, said Daniel L. Davis, a retired U.S. Army officer and an outspoken critic of the war.

Often those soldiers will say they left to take care of a family issue or help out on the family farm or business.

“People would routinely go AWOL for long periods of time and then come back,” said Davis, who was deployed to Afghanistan in 2005 and 2011.

“In the past, they were able to do so, but now soldiers who go AWOL are purged from the system quicker.”

Musa will appeal the death sentence, said his lawyer, Mohammad Mukhtar Haidari.

Yaqobi's murder was part of a long history of insider attacks in the Afghan military.

A total of 49 insider attacks this year alone have wounded or killed 167 Afghan service members, an increase in casualties of more than 50% compared with last year, a report by a Pentagon watchdog said.

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## Kabul terminates contract for US-led gold, copper mine project

By J.P. LAWRENCE  
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The Afghan government has canceled the contract for a U.S.-based company to develop gold and copper mines in a remote province in northeastern Afghanistan, officials said Monday.

Authorities in Kabul determined that the mining company Centar Ltd. had “a lack of financial commitment” before terminating the contract last week, said Abdul Qadeer Mutfi, spokesman for the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum.

When the company signed its contract in October 2018, Centar officials said they hoped to prospect for gold in nearly 250,000 acres of northeast Badkhashan province. But Centar then failed to pay a performance bond, money which was to be held by the government as a security guarantee, Mutfi said.

“The company was not able to deliver the financial guarantees in the contract,” Mutfi said. “When we are having this kind of difficulty, how can we presume the company can invest on time?”

The decision to cancel the contract was made last week by Afghanistan's High Economic Council, he said. The body, which is chaired by the president, includes Afghanistan's top econom-

**“When we are having this kind of difficulty, how can we presume the company can invest on time?”**

**Abdul Qadeer Mutfi**  
Afghanistan Ministry of Mines and Petroleum

ic ministers and advisers.

Centar has argued they had fulfilled the contract by beginning surveys and making plans to explore the proposed mining area, the company said in a letter to the government obtained by the Afghan news agency Khaama. But Centar said it needed additional time to pay its financial guarantees due to what it called an uncertain political situation in Kabul, Khaama reported.

Centar appeared to be referring to the political crisis brewing in Kabul since a disputed presidential poll on Sept. 28. Since then, Abdullah Abdullah, the country's incumbent chief executive, has rallied thousands of his supporters to stop an ongoing vote recount in order to prevent alleged electoral fraud.

The election controversy has raised fears of a repeat of months of political turmoil following the fraud-marred 2014 presidential election because both Abdullah and his main rival, incumbent President Ashraf Ghani, had claimed victories.

Work on the mining project had also been delayed amid fears of insecurity, Centar Ltd. CEO Bradley Barnett said in an interview with Stars and Stripes this fall. He said the company would also face steep costs in providing security for its workers.

Last year, watchdog groups had also raised concerns about the contracts Centar signed, taking issue with the company's relationship with a former senior Afghan government official.

The U.S. government invested almost half a billion dollars since 2009 to help Afghanistan tap its vast reserves of minerals, oil and natural gas, which officials have estimated could bring in around \$2 billion to the Afghan government each year.

But positive results from the U.S.-funded projects have been limited, a Pentagon watchdog said in 2016, citing corruption as a key reason efforts to develop the extractive industries in Afghanistan had failed.

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ALTAF QADIRI/AP

Afghan policemen and civilians gather at the site of a shooting in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday.

## 2 intelligence officials killed in Afghanistan

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An Afghan official says a gunman opened fire on a vehicle in the capital, Kabul, killing two intelligence officials and wounding three others.

Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Nasrat Rahimi said police were searching for the gunman who carried out the attack early Monday. Police sealed off the eastern District 9 area of

Kabul as they search for the assailant, said Rahimi.

No group has immediately claimed responsibility for the assault, but both Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate have carried out attacks in the capital.

The Taliban control or hold sway over nearly half of Afghanistan, staging near-daily attacks that target Afghan forces and government officials but also kill scores of civilians.



SYRIAN CIVIL DEFENSE WHITE HELMETS/AP

Members of the Syrian Civil Defense transport an injured person after an airstrike hit a northern town in Idlib province, Syria, on Monday.

## Airstrike hits market in Syrian rebel-held town

By BASSEM MROUE  
Associated Press

BEIRUT — An airstrike on a market in a Syrian rebel-held town in the northwest province of Idlib on Monday morning killed at least 10 civilians and wounded others, opposition activists said.

The strike comes amid an increase of violence in Idlib — Syria's last opposition stronghold where fighting between government troops and insurgents killed dozens on both sides over the weekend.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the strike hit the market in Maaret al-Numan, killing 10. The Aleppo Media Center, an activist col-

lective, reported the same death toll while the opposition Syrian Civil Defense, also known as White Helmets, said nine civilians, including two women, were killed.

The group said 13, including two children, were wounded. It said the death toll was not yet final. Different casualty tolls are common in the chaos of the civil war.

“The bombardment of the market that was packed with civilians led to a massacre and wide destruction,” the Civil Defense said on its Facebook page, which also had photos of lifeless bodies and paramedics helping the victims.

The Observatory and the Civil Defense separately reported another airstrike, on the nearby town of Saraqeb, saying it killed

and wounded several people.

Syrian troops launched a four-month offensive earlier this year on Idlib, which is dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants. The government offensive forced hundreds of thousands of civilians to flee their homes.

A fragile cease-fire halted the government advance in late August, but in recent weeks it has been repeatedly violated.

Separately, three Russian military police officers were wounded in a blast in northern Syria on Monday, Russia's Defense Ministry said. The explosion occurred in the border region of Kobani, where Russian and Turkish forces have been conducting joint border patrols since last month.



## MILITARY

## Mold: Health issues, frustration abound for families sickened by housing

## FROM FRONT PAGE

It's been more than a year since Reuters news agency published an investigation of military family housing conditions that made public what was an open secret among military families. On-base housing was exposing many of them to health hazards ranging from mold caused by ongoing leaks and poor construction to infestations of insects and rodents to peeling and chipping lead paint. Remedies were difficult, often trapping families in maintenance systems where repairs were sometimes ignored and reports falsified.

Each branch of the military has tackled the problem in different ways — issuing surveys and going door-to-door to inspect homes, creating housing-focused hotlines and hosting town halls to allow residents to voice concerns. The Defense Department has coordinated with Congress on a still unfinished tenant bill of rights.

The 14 private companies who manage military housing have launched programs for resident feedback and improved maintenance request systems and have announced millions of dollars in new investments.

The Army, Navy and Air Force secretaries, the Marine Corps commandant and the director of defense capabilities and management with the Government Accountability Office will testify before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday to address ongoing reports of substandard housing conditions and services. On Thursday, representatives of five of the private companies that manage military housing will testify before the House Armed Services Committee.

Meanwhile, families must determine the best way to get out of living conditions they deem unsafe. Some, like the Terry family, are seeking legal remedies. At least three multimillion lawsuits have been filed in federal court against private companies that manage military base housing.

Other families are choosing to work within the system to solve these problems.

## To sue or not to sue

A lawsuit filed in November aims to use class-action litigation to force Corvias to make changes at Fort Meade, Md. Ten families who spent time in Fort Meade housing filed the suit seeking damages to cover expenses related to economic harm, medical costs and mental anguish.

In that case, the attorneys filed a class-wide injunction requiring Corvias to arrange for independent certification of safe housing and prohibiting the company from receiving any service members' housing allowance for property that has not been certified.

Other families are choosing to work within the system to solve these problems. Kelly Douglas, spokeswoman for Corvias, said the company is aware of the lawsuits.

The lawsuit "does not reflect



Tamara Terry

**Left: Tamara Terry is planning to file a lawsuit because she said mold in her family's on-base home at Fort Bragg, N.C., caused ongoing health problems such as nosebleeds, chronic headaches and sleep issues for her children, Jackson, 8; Tessa, 5; and Barrett, 8 months. Right: Melissa Godoy said she was diagnosed with her first lung infection in November 2018, just months after moving into an on-base house at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., that she said had mold in it.**



Melissa Godoy

the significant resources, attention and rigor that has been brought to assuring quality resident housing," she said.

When asked about the potential litigation at Fort Bragg from the Terry family, Douglas said Terry's description of her experience was "out of context with our experience with this former resident."

Army spouse Melissa Godoy, who was displaced in August from her home at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., said she and 22 other families are working with a lawyer to sue Lincoln Military Housing, the private company that manages the base housing, because of the living conditions and the unhelpful response from Lincoln staff.

For a year Godoy said she, her children and even her dog suffered unexplainable illnesses. Once during a maintenance call, workers found a "blob of water" in a kitchen wall that they could not explain, she said. Eventually she began removing her own baseboards and discovered wet drywall and mold.

"It wasn't the toxic mold itself; it was their response to it that makes it so bad," Godoy said. She took out loans to move off base after finding mold in her home. Because of the mold, no moving company would accept the job, forcing the family to do the work themselves.

Sonny Nguyen, the Federal Way-based attorney working the lawsuit, said he is currently pulling together experts.

"What's frustrated me the most is the kids who are innocent and they're actually the victims of these people who chose money over life," he said.

Trent Duffy, spokesman for Lincoln, said their records show that maintenance staff followed mold protocols and procedures to respond to Godoy's home. Those protocols exceed the national industry guidelines, he said.

"Many other residents with similar issues have since returned to their homes following proper remediation," Duffy said, adding the company is aware that Godoy has hired an attorney.

Across Lewis-McChord, Lincoln has hired more staff and increased shifts to meet the "unexpected increase" in mold assessment requests, according to a prepared statement. Any residents who have moved out of their homes have done so on their own and not because of "any known health or safety issues at their properties."

In Texas, eight families filed a lawsuit in October against Hunt Military Communities for mold, pests and sewage in housing at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio and Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio.

According to the lawsuit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, Hunt "systematically under-maintained the military housing, subjected service members and their families to atrocious conditions, including pervasive mold that sickened them and destroyed their possessions, utilized substandard service providers to allegedly remediate the mold problems, subjected service members and their families to pest infestations and misled tenants about the remediation actions allegedly undertaken."

Hunt described the lawsuit as "without merit" in a statement.

To remedy moisture in homes that Hunt officials attribute to the climate of south Texas, the company created the Humidity Project. The opt-in program will invest about \$5 million to better control humidity from the climate and moisture introduced from steam in bathrooms. Ten of 27 selected homes have undergone the work, according to information provided through Hunt's public relations firm. Once complete, Hunt expects to conduct humid-

ity mitigation on 197 units.

Hunt also faces a lawsuit filed in 2018 by 13 families living at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. Those families described similar mold concerns and are set for a jury trial in U.S. District Court in Gulfport, Miss., in January, according to online court records.

Before the past year's coverage of problems in military housing, two families successfully sued private housing companies. In September, a San Diego jury awarded \$2 million to a Marine Corps family for mold problems in family housing managed by Lincoln Military Housing. The company said in a statement after the verdict that it intends to appeal. The family won't be compensated until appeals are complete, according to their attorney, Matt Puelstra.

Another Marine Corps family, now-retired Gunnersy Sgt. Joe and Shelley Federico, received \$350,000 in a lawsuit against Lincoln in Virginia in 2016, but it took more than five years from the time the lawsuit was filed.

## Working together

For some military families, "litigation is their only option," said Crystal Cornwall, a Marine Corps spouse who launched the nonprofit Safe Military Housing Initiative to advocate for families. "But for the vast majority of them, we can resolve these issues within the military housing system with the support of each private company, the Defense Department and our legislative body. Litigation is not going to help in the short term of getting into a safe house."

As an advocate with Safe Military Housing Initiative, Christina Cosio-Futch, an Army spouse at Fort Meade, said she raises resident concerns at monthly meetings to work with the garrison command team and Corvias, the

private company that manages the housing. The goal is to come up with systemic solutions to fix things across the base — to raise the quality of life for everybody, she said.

"The primary concern that gets raised at our town halls and focus groups comes down to the maintenance of these buildings," Cosio-Futch said. "New construction is good and replacing older buildings is good. But, with that we need there to be a preventative maintenance schedule that is followed."

John Picerne, founder of Corvias, said in the last year that the company has learned it needs to do need to do a better job of customer service and to get back into investing in the military housing portfolio.

"If we have old, tired homes ... you can only do so much in packing, painting and repairing the systems inside of an old home," he said in September. "My direction back to my team and our direction back to the government is: 'OK, work that lower level, but if we don't push forward and start dealing with these systemic challenges, we're basically going to keep chasing our tail and finding ourselves in that same situation two or three years from now.'"

Corvias manages housing at 15 bases in nine states, and Picerne said there was a combination of factors that led to the deterioration of on-base housing. It began with the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

In Sept. 12, the gates went up and the military installation became much more complicated," he said.

Finding workers and companies willing and able to access military bases became harder, while the housing market outside of the bases grew and created other opportunities. That required Corvias to adjust its maintenance and renovations plans, Picerne said.

In 2011, the military began downsizing, reducing the number of service members living on base and paying less to the military for basic allowance for housing. The military also slowed the increase on housing allowance rates, which vary by location.

To right the wrongs made during that decade of underfunding military housing, Corvias announced in September a \$220 million investment in six bases to renovate homes, start new construction and outfit homes with technology that monitors efficiency and improves preventive maintenance schedules.

But Corvias also made the investments from Corvias and the progress that's been made, but she said there is still much more ground to cover. There needs to be a "culture shift" that stops pitting residents and housing against each other and puts them on the same side. It's a never to take hold, but she sees it happening, she said.

"That's as simple and as big as when a resident calls with a concern in the home, believing the resident," she said. "Without that respect, nothing else would be possible."

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## MILITARY

## Protesters: China also targets some US groups

## FROM FRONT PAGE

Police say their use of tear gas, rubber bullets and other force is a necessary response to escalating violence by the protesters, who have blocked major roads and thrown gasoline bombs back at officers in riot gear.

Hong Kong has been living with almost nonstop protests for six months. The movement's demands include democratic elections and an investigation into the police response to protests. More fundamentally, the protesters and others in Hong Kong fear that China is eroding the rights and freedoms they have under a "one country, two systems" framework.

Hua said China would sanction organizations including the National Endowment for Democracy, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Human Rights Watch, the International Republican Institute, Freedom House and others that she said had "performed badly" in the Hong Kong unrest.

"China urges the United States to correct its mistakes and stop any words and deeds that interfere in Hong Kong and China's internal affairs," she said, adding that China could take "further necessary actions" depending on how matters develop.

Hua accused the groups of instigating protesters to engage in "radical violent crimes and inciting separatist activities."

"These organizations deserve to be sanctioned and must pay a price,"

Hua said.

China has long accused foreign groups and governments of fomenting the demonstrations in Hong Kong, singling out the U.S., former colonial overlord Britain and democratic, self-governing Taiwan, which China claims as its own territory to be annexed by force if necessary.

Among the groups to be subject to the unspecified sanctions, the National Endowment for Democracy receives funding directly from Congress while others generally draw their running costs from a mixture of private and public grants.

Derek Mitchell, the president of the National Democratic Institute, said in Hong Kong last week that accusations it was colluding with protesters were "patently false."

"The institute has no role in the current protests, and 'to suggest otherwise spreads misinformation and fails to recognize the movement stems from genuine grievances,'" he said.

While China has in the past suspended U.S. military visits, the sanctions on the various groups could bring conditions for civil society in Hong Kong one step closer to those in mainland China.

Beijing imposes restrictions on nongovernmental organizations and is particularly concerned about those involved in humanitarian causes, gender equality, the environment or minority rights.

In Hong Kong, several hundred

people who work in advertising started a five-day strike Monday to show support for the anti-government protests. They said they would not go to work, respond to work emails or take part in conference calls.

Some held up signs with protest slogans at an early afternoon rally to launch the strike in Chater Garden, a public square in the central business district.

Antony Yiu, an entrepreneur in advertising and one of the organizers, said they want other business sectors to join them.

"The government seems to be still ignoring the sound of the majority of the people," he said. The advertising industry wants "to take the first step to encourage other businesses to participate in the strike to give more pressure."

More than 10,000 people marched on Sunday to try to pressure the government to address the demands after pro-democracy candidates won a landslide victory in district council elections one week earlier.

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam has said she'll accelerate dialogue but hasn't offered any concessions since the elections.

The protests are blamed for driving the economy into recession. Tourism, airline and retail sectors have been hit particularly hard, with retail sales down about 20%.



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

A tour group visits Jerusalem's Old City along the Via Dolorosa. U.S. European Command on Monday lifted an order restricting travel there.

## EUCOM lifts travel ban to Jerusalem's Old City

Stars and Stripes

U.S. European Command has lifted travel restrictions for military personnel to the Old City of Jerusalem but maintained a ban on visits to other parts of the West Bank, including Bethlehem and Jericho, it said Monday.

The lifting of the travel ban partially reverses an order issued last month, restricting travel to all of Israel's West Bank.

EUCOM follows the guidance of U.S. embassies when deciding to impose or lift travel restrictions, it said. The embassy in Israel last month announced restrictions on travel to the entire West Bank, citing possible unrest after the United States changed its policy toward Israeli settlements there.

Days later, the embassy lifted the travel restrictions to the Old City, with the exception of areas near and inside Damascus Gate, Herod's Gate, Lion's Gate and Chain Gate, a statement on its website said.

Israel attracts visitors from around the world, particularly during the Christmas season.

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## MILITARY

# Japan toughens fines for phone use while driving

By HANA KUSUMOTO  
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*Stars and Stripes*

TOKYO — Service members caught using mobile devices while driving off base in Japan could be hit with thousands of dollars in fines or up to a year in prison under a law change that came into force Monday.

The new rules toughen penalties for talking on cellphones or holding them while looking at their screens while behind the wheel, according to Japan's National Police Agency.

The maximum fine that can be issued for those offenses has increased from about \$460 to \$912 or up to six months of imprisonment with hard labor, according to the announcement on the agency website.

Japan has also increased the maximum penalty for a driver who poses a danger to traffic or causes an accident while using a mobile device. Those convicted face a maximum of a year of imprisonment with hard labor or a \$2,736 fine, according to the agency website.

Those who use cellphones while driving can also have their licenses suspended, the police agency stated.

"The number of traffic accidents caused by people looking at smart phone screens while driving is increasing," the website stated.

In 2018, Japanese police tallied 2,790 vehicle accidents involving cellphone use, about 1.4 times as

many as there were in 2013, according to the website.

The new rules shouldn't affect those driving on U.S. military installations in the country.

"The new [Government of Japan] changes regarding cellphone use while driving will not change the current point assessment for talking or text messaging on a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle on any USAG Japan Installation," U.S. Army Garrison Japan spokeswoman Gwendolyn Smalls said in an email Monday. "Three points will still be assessed to the driving record for this violation."

Drivers who accumulate 12 points in a year or 18 points in two years will have their driving permit suspended for six months, Smalls said.

Officials at the provost marshal office at Camp Foster — a Marine Corps facility on Okinawa — said personnel driving on the base are permitted to use cellphones placed in hands-free devices. However, those who operate cellphones with their hands while driving could be given a citation that may lead to a suspended license.

Officials from Air Force and Navy installations in Japan did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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A roadside memorial of flowers and candles was created for a German teenager killed in a car crash near Weilerbach, Germany, in February. A Ramstein airman involved in the crash was charged with involuntary manslaughter at a preliminary military hearing on Monday.

## Airman in fatal crash charged with involuntary manslaughter

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*Stars and Stripes*

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — A Ramstein airman could spend a decade in jail for his role in a crash that killed a German teenager earlier this year.

The Air Force announced Monday at a preliminary hearing that it has charged Airman 1st Class Roman Bahena with involuntary manslaughter, which carries a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

The government is seeking to also charge him with negligent homicide, military prosecutors said at the hearing, which was held to determine if there is enough evidence for a trial to go ahead. Negligent homicide carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison.

Bahena was driving a Chevrolet Camaro on the evening of Feb. 6 when he crashed head-on into

a Piaggio Ape, a three-wheeled light commercial vehicle with a Vespa scooter as a base. The driver of the Piaggio, a 17-year-old German boy from Weilerbach who has not been publicly identified, died at the scene.

Bahena was 20 years old at the time and newly assigned to Ramstein. He had completed training for his military driver's license in Germany.

Bahena failed to return to his lane after passing another vehicle on a two-lane road between Mackenbach and Weilerbach, only a few minutes' drive from Ramstein, German investigators said at the time of the accident.

Bahena's defense has evidence that contradicts that assertion, his legal team said.

A German man who was at the scene of the accident reportedly told a crying Bahena that the Piaggio was in his lane, said Maj. Jeremy Snyder for the defense.

Bahena himself told Air Force investigators that the collision occurred after he returned to his lane of traffic, Snyder said.

He had no alcohol or drugs in his system and there was no evidence that he or his wife, a passenger in the car, were texting around the time of the crash, Snyder said.

But Air Force prosecutors said Bahena was driving faster than the posted speed limit when he passed another vehicle while driving toward Weilerbach, in the dark and at a bend in the road.

He failed to lift his foot from the accelerator immediately before the collision, "which tells us he was not paying attention to the road," said prosecutor Maj. Matthew Tusing.

It was unclear when a decision will be made about whether to take the case to trial.

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## Soldiers detained on allegations of fleeing Thanksgiving Day cab fare

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GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Three U.S. soldiers in Germany are accused of running off to avoid paying a hefty cab fare on Thanksgiving Day.

German police handed the trio over to military police Thursday after the Americans had racked up a fare of about 210 euro,

or \$230, for the 60-mile ride from Regensburg to Vilseck, and then allegedly ran off without paying, authorities said.

The soldiers, two of them 19 and one 22, hailed the cab in Regensburg and were dropped off at Vilseck train station around 8:30 p.m., the German police said.

They told the cab driver they needed to get cash and would return quickly, but sprinted off once they left the vehicle, Auerbach police detective Karl-Heinz Scho-

epf said.

The driver was able to give police a good description of the three, and after a search of the vicinity, police were able to "track the men down near a shopping market," Schoepf said.

Though it was unclear what unit the soldiers were part of — German authorities did not say — the Americans were turned over to the military police.

The Army's 2nd Cavalry Regiment is

based at Vilseck's Rose Barracks, while nearby Grafenwoehr's Tower Barracks serves as headquarters for the Army's largest overseas training command.

German police are looking into the incident, Schoepf said, and will turn the matter over to the local prosecutor's office once an investigation has been completed.

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## Police: Airman shot, killed himself after being shot by officer in Texas

Associated Press

ABILENE, Texas — An airman from an Air Force base in Texas shot himself and died after a police officer shot him during an armed confrontation, police said.

Abilene police officers found the airman at a home on the city's

south side early Saturday after officials at nearby Dyess Air Force Base reported that the man was harming himself, Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge said at a morning news conference.

After officers knocked on the door, the airman came out of the house with a rifle and handgun,

Standridge said. The airman repeatedly pointed the rifle at the officers, who'd formed a perimeter around the home, and was shot by a SWAT supervisor as he appeared to take aim at police. The airman then crawled into some bushes where he shot himself, the chief said. The airman was pro-

nounced dead at the scene.

Standridge did not name the officer or airman, who he said may have been motivated by the fallout from an October car crash. The airman had "denpendency issues" because he was being investigated for drunken driving, the chief said.

The Texas Rangers and the Air Force base's special investigations unit are looking into the shooting.

Police in Abilene, a city of some 123,000 people 180 miles west of Dallas, will also conduct a criminal and internal affairs investigation.



## NATION

# Sex abuse suits filed day after NJ law takes effect

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Former Roman Catholic Cardinal Theodore McCarrick abused a teenage boy in the 1990s when he was leader of the Archdiocese of Newark, according to a lawsuit filed under a newly enacted New Jersey law that gives accusers more time to make legal claims.

Another lawsuit filed by two of six sisters alleges that a now-deceased priest who had previously worked for the archdiocese abused them and their siblings for nearly 10 years after he was transferred to Pennsylvania.

"This is a momentous day for our family because we can finally move forward in our search for justice," one of the sisters, Patty Fortney-Julius, said at a news conference Monday.

A law that was passed by New Jersey in the spring and went into effect Sunday allows child sex abuse victims to sue until they turn 55, or within seven years of their first realization the abuse caused them harm. The previous limit was two years.

Both lawsuits announced Mon-



SETH WENIG/AP

**John Bellocchio filed a lawsuit accusing defrocked former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick of sexual abuse.**

day seek unspecified punitive damages.

Fortney-Julius and her sisters allege the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark knew that Augustine Giella had abused children well before their abuse began in the early 1980s after his transfer to the Harrisburg

diocese.

In an emailed statement, the Newark archdiocese said it "will continue to cooperate and work with victims, their legal representatives and law enforcement authorities in an ongoing effort to resolve allegations made and bring closure to victims."

The sisters' accounts were among hundreds in last year's investigation on clergy sexual abuse conducted by a Pennsylvania grand jury that provided impetus for New Jersey legislators to act this year.

About two dozen states have changed their laws on statutes of limitations this year, and several others have created so-called lookback windows for lawsuits.

McCarrick, who also served as archbishop of Washington and was one of the highest-ranking, most visible Catholic Church officials in the United States, was defrocked in February at age 89.

In a lawsuit filed Monday, John Bellocchio alleges McCarrick sexually assaulted him when he was 14 and McCarrick was visiting Bellocchio's parish in Hackensack, N.J.

## Justices debate whether gun restrictions case is still worth considering

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court heard its first Second Amendment case in a decade Monday, but there were indications that the justices may no longer think they have a case to decide.

The controversy involves now-rescinded restrictions unique to New York City about whether citizens who have a license to keep a gun in their homes may transport them to firing ranges outside the city or to a second home in the state.

After the Supreme Court took the case to decide whether those restrictions violated the constitutional right to keep and bear arms, the city got rid of them and the state of New York passed a law that would keep them from being reenacted. The unstated purpose might have been to make the case moot and deny conservatives on the court the chance to expand the right to carry a gun outside the home.

The liberal justices said Monday the court no longer had a live controversy before it, a requirement for making such a decision.

"What's left of the case?" Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg asked Paul Clement, the Washington lawyer representing the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, which brought the action.

The court denied New York's earlier plea to dismiss the case as moot. It said it would consider the question after argument.

Clement said the case was still alive — the new restrictions don't make clear whether his clients could be harmed for making a stop for coffee or to use the restroom while transporting their unloaded weapons to a shooting range, for instance — and he said they might be hurt in applying for licenses because of past violations of the old law.

But Chief Justice John Roberts, the most closely watched conservative justice in the case, asked questions only of New York's lawyer, Richard Dearing. Would the plaintiffs be disadvantaged in any way if the case was declared moot, Roberts asked, such as seeking damages for having their rights harmed, or being prosecuted for past infractions.

Dearing said that would not happen.

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# NATION



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**"The President's Own" Marine Corps Band plays in the Grand Foyer during the 2019 Christmas preview at the White House on Monday.**

## Patriotism on display at White House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Melania Trump is celebrating American patriotism at the White House this Christmas, incorporating red and blue into the traditional holiday green, adding a timeline of American design, innovation and architecture and studding a Christmas tree with her family's annual ornament, the American flag.

The traditional gingerbread White House shares its view with American landmarks including the Statue of Liberty and the Golden Gate Bridge.

"It is with great joy that our family welcomes you to the White

House this holiday season as we celebrate the Spirit of America," President Donald Trump, the first lady and their son, Barron, say in the signed introduction to a souvenir book that visitors will receive as a holiday keepsake. "We hope you enjoy our tribute to the traditions, customs and history that make our nation great."

The White House previewed the decorations for journalists on Monday before Trump and the first lady were to depart for London.

The East Colonnade of the White House is lined with double rows of see-through panels etched with more than 60 examples of American design, innovation

and architecture, ranging from the Woolworth Building in New York City to the Space Needle in Seattle.

A tree dedicated to Gold Star families that lost an immediate relative during military service stands at the beginning of the hallway while a tree decorated with the Trump family ornament — an American flag this year — glistens at the end of the colonnade.

Decorations in the public areas of the White House include 58 Christmas trees, more than 2,500 strands of light, more than 800 feet of garland and more than 15,000 bows.

## Ala. unveils Parks statue

Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A new statue of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks was dedicated in Alabama's capital city on Sunday, the 64th anniversary of her historic refusal to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man.

Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed and Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey pulled back a cloth to unveil the statue before a crowd of about 400 spectators. The ceremony coincided with the anniversary of Parks' Dec. 1, 1955, arrest that sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a pivotal part of the civil rights movement.

"This depiction will inspire future generations to make the pilgrimage to our city, to push toward the path of righteousness, strength, courage and equality," Reed, who recently became the first black mayor of Montgomery, said at the ceremony, according to al.com.

Parks was 92 when she died in 2005.



MICKEY WELSH, MONTGOMERY (ALA.) ADVERTISER/AP

**Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, left, and Montgomery Mayor Steven Reed, right, among others, unveil the Rosa Parks statue in downtown Montgomery, Ala., on Sunday.**

# Impeachment report coming as scene shifts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House impeachment report on President Donald Trump will be unveiled Monday behind closed doors for key lawmakers as Democrats push ahead with the inquiry despite the White House's declaration it will not participate in the first Judiciary Committee hearing.

The Democratic majority on the House Intelligence Committee says the report, compiled after weeks of testimony, will speak for itself in laying out what Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., called the evidence of "wrongdoing and misconduct" by the Republican president over his actions toward Ukraine. It was being made available for committee members to review ahead of a vote Tuesday to send it to the Judiciary Committee for Wednesday's landmark hearing.

Last Sunday, White House counsel Pat Cipollone denounced the "baseless and highly partisan inquiry." In a letter to Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., he also declined the invitation for the president's counsel to appear before his panel Wednesday.

Cipollone, in continuing the West Wing's attack on the House

process, said the proceeding "violates all past historical precedent, basic due process rights, and fundamental fairness." Trump was scheduled to attend a summit with NATO allies outside London on Wednesday.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday it's "very unfortunate" the Judiciary Committee is holding its hearing at the same time that Trump is representing the U.S. at the NATO summit.

As the impeachment inquiry intensifies, Wednesday's hearing will be a milestone. It is expected to convene legal experts whose testimony, alongside the report from the Intelligence Committee, could lay the groundwork for possible articles of impeachment, which the panel is expected to soon draw up.

Democrats are focused on whether Trump abused his office by withholding military aid approved by Congress and a White House meeting as he pressed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to launch investigations into Trump's political rivals. The report also is expected to include evidence of possible obstruction of Congress by Trump's instructions that officials in his administration defy subpoenas for documents or testimony.

## Ex-FBI lawyer Page ends silence, slams attacks

The Washington Post

The lone tweet appeared Sunday night on a profile bearing the name of former FBI attorney Lisa Page.

"I'm done being quiet," the tweet read.

In the roughly two years since Page made national headlines after politically charged text messages between her and then-senior FBI agent Peter Strzok were released, the lawyer has refrained from publicly addressing the events that catapulted her into the center of a political firestorm and made her a repeated target of President Donald Trump's ire.

Now, in a wide-ranging interview, Page slammed Trump for his "sickening" attacks against her and revealed how she has struggled to keep her life together.

"I had stayed quiet for years hoping it would fade away, but instead it got worse," Page, 39, told the Daily Beast in her first public interview, published Sunday. "It had been so hard not to defend

myself, to let people who hate me control the narrative. I decided to take my power back."

Page's interview comes just ahead of the planned Dec. 9 release of a report from the Justice Department inspector general on how the FBI conducted its investigation into Trump associates and Russian interference in the 2016 election. Page and Strzok, who had been having an affair, were both involved in the probes of Hillary Clinton's emails and Russia when they exchanged text messages expressing a mutual dislike of Trump and concern that he might become president. The Washington Post's Devlin Barrett reported in 2017.

Those messages not only sparked an official ethics investigation but also fueled accusations from the president and his supporters that the federal agency's probe into the Trump campaign was prejudiced against him. According to the Daily Beast, Page left the FBI in May 2018. Strzok was fired several months later.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Rig hauling butane overturns on freeway

**UT** LEHI — A tractor-trailer rig carrying butane leaked the flammable gas from a tank after overturning on a Utah freeway Saturday, causing evacuations in the area.

The Utah Highway Patrol said the double-trailer rig overturned on northbound Interstate 15 in Lehi and that the freeway was closed in both directions as a precaution pending cleanup.

Assistant City Administrator Cameron Boyle said the area within a quarter-mile around the crash site was evacuated with residents of an apartment complex relocated to a church building.

## Baby born at airport given middle name Sky

**NC** CHARLOTTE — A woman who gave birth at an airport in North Carolina has given the baby a name tied to where she was born.

News outlets reported Nereida Araujo went into labor Wednesday on a flight from Tampa, Fla., to Charlotte, N.C. American Airlines spokeswoman Crystal Byrd said the flight crew radioed medics who helped deliver the baby on the plane once it landed.

Araujo said she named her newborn daughter Lizyana Sky Taylor. She said the middle name Sky was chosen because the girl was born at the airport.

Araujo, her husband and two other children were traveling to Pennsylvania for Thanksgiving.

## State to have more than 10M visitors for 1st time

**HI** HONOLULU — Tourism officials said Hawaii is on track to have more than 10 million visitors in one year for the first time in the state's history.

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported Thursday that Hawaii Tourism Authority data shows there have been nearly 8.7 million visitors through October.

The figure is a 5.5% increase over the 8.2 million arrivals through the same period last year when the state's annual count was 9.9 million visitors.

## Butcher donates deer meat to food bank

**KY** TAYLORSVILLE — A Kentucky butcher is asking hunters to donate any unwanted deer so the meat can be distributed through charities.

WLKY-TV reported the Taylorsville Butcher Block announced recently it had collected 642 pounds of deer meat through the Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry program. The shop is donating hundreds of pounds of deer meat to a local food bank.

The charity said it offers a way for hunters to donate harvested deer to Kentucky's needy through processors and charities. WDRB-TV said Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry donated 207 pounds of venison to the Healing Place men's campus in Louisville.



PATRICK KUNZER, (ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILL.) DAILY HERALD/AP

## Holiday awww

A child has a perch for a good view during the Little Friends Holiday Lights parade in downtown Naperville, Ill., on Friday.

## Police: Woman fired gun into KFC drive-thru

**GA** SANDY SPRINGS — Police said a Georgia woman fired a gun into a KFC after learning her order lacked napkins and a fork.

News outlets reported Jonelle Jade Dare, 33, was arrested Nov. 26 in Sandy Springs, Ga., on an outstanding warrant from Shelbyville, Ky., where she's accused of shooting into the restaurant drive-thru window.

Shelbyville police said Dare visited a local KFC in October and was verbally abusive to drive-thru staff, who reported Dare was angry over not getting a fork or napkin with her meal.

Police said Dare fired a handgun into the drive-thru window and sped off in a white Mercedes-Benz.

No one was wounded in the shooting.

## Car stopped going 103 mph during snowstorm

**UT** SALT LAKE CITY — Utah authorities urged residents to drive safely around stopping a vehicle traveling more than 100 mph during a winter storm.

KUTV-TV reported Thursday that a Utah Highway Patrol trooper had an adrenaline-charged drive while trying to stop a car he clocked at 103 mph in a 75

## THE CENSUS

# 300

The number of homes that had sewage back up into them after a blocked sewer main flooded in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y., on Saturday. One resident posted photos showing murky brown water covering the floor of a basement bedroom and the bottom of a staircase. In a tweet around 6 p.m., Mayor Bill de Blasio said crews were making repairs and bringing in pumping equipment to clear up the mess. The city's water agency says drinking water is safe and unaffected.

mph zone during a Thanksgiving snowstorm.

Authorities posted a photo of the issued ticket Thursday to Twitter, citing concerns for the safety of other travelers.

## Stores locked down after fight at mall

**NC** PINEVILLE — Police in a Charlotte, N.C., suburb said a few stores at a mall were placed on lockdown after a fight.

Pineville police spokesman Lt. Corey Copley said officers responded Friday around 4:40 p.m. to a fight involving two groups of people at Carolina Place Mall. He said officers working off-duty at the mall arrived within seconds and people dispersed immediately.

Copley said a few stores were temporarily placed on lockdown, but the mall was deemed safe and was reopened for business as usual.

## Bear stuck in tree down after 5 days

**FL** APOPKA — For five days, workers at a Florida wildlife facility watched anxiously as a bear remained stuck in a tree, hanging precariously over a tiger enclosure.

A caretaker at Florida C.A.R.E. Foundation discovered the 50-pound bear Nov. 23. The bear appeared to be terrified by the 300- and 400-pound cats below, unaware they were in cages.

On Wednesday, workers tried to help the bear by moving the tigers to another location. The cub descended several branches but was still in the tree Wednesday night.

When the workers returned the next morning, the bear was gone.

## Man sneaks 300 turtles from US into China

**OR** PORTLAND — Prosecutors said a Chinese

national and an accomplice from Eugene smuggled over 300 live turtles into China from the U.S. after buying them from reptile dealers across the country.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Xiao Dong Qin, of Shanghai, China, pleaded guilty Nov. 26 to conspiring to smuggle goods from the United States. He appeared in U.S. District Court in Eugene. His Eugene accomplice was not indicted, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

An investigation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service revealed that Qin directed his co-conspirator to buy the turtles between May 2017 and June 2018. Investigators said the live turtles were shipped via U.S. mail and on commercial airline flights to China.

## Vintage car museum to display muscle cars

**MI** HICKORY CORNERS — A Michigan museum that boasts the largest vintage automobile collection in North America plans to open a new building to display muscle cars.

The Battle Creek Enquirer reported the \$5 million project at the Gilmore Car Museum would add more than 25,000 square feet of exhibit space. Groundbreaking is set for next year "with plans to open the new addition by 2021."

From wire reports

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Immense snow bears down on East coast

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A wintry storm that made Thanksgiving travel miserable across much of the country gripped the East with a messy mixture of rain, snow, sleet and wind, slowing the Monday morning commute, closing schools and offices, and snarling air travel.

Forecasters said the nor'easter could drop 10 to 20 inches of snow by Tuesday morning from Pennsylvania to Maine. Heavy snow was possible in the Appalachian Mountains down to Tennessee and North Carolina.

"We've got our shovels ready. We've got the snowblower ready. We're prepared," said Paul New-

**'We've got our shovels ready. We've got the snowblower ready. We're prepared.'**

**Paul Newman**  
Connecticut resident

man, of Wethersfield, Conn.

Schools closed preemptively as rain was expected to turn into snow in the region's first significant storm of the season, a nor'easter so named because the winds typically come from the northeast.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo advised nonessential state employees to stay home Monday,

and New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy declared government offices for nonessential employees would close at noon.

More than 180 flights into or out of the U.S. were canceled Monday morning, with more than 450 delays. Airports in the New York and Boston areas accounted for many of them.

Tractor-trailers were banned or

lower speed limits put in place on stretches of interstate highways in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Inland areas appeared to be in for the worst of it, with the forecast in Albany, N.Y., predicting 6 to 14 inches.

Only 3 inches of snow was expected in New York City. Up to 9 inches, though, was possible in Boston by Tuesday night. As much as 5 inches was forecast for Philadelphia.

The trouble began in the East on Sunday as the storm moved out of the Midwest.

State police had responded to more than 550 storm-related crashes across New York by 7 p.m. Icy roads caused crashes

on Interstate 84 in Pennsylvania, and ice closed part of Interstate 81 near Binghamton, N.Y., for a time.

The same storm has pummeled the U.S. for days as it moved cross country, dumping heavy snow from California to the Midwest and inundating other areas with rain.

Duluth, Minn., is cleaning up more than 21 inches of snow. Major highways reopened in Wyoming and Colorado after blizzard conditions and drifting snow blocked them.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Dec. 3)	\$1.1325
Dollar buys (Dec. 3)	69.883
British pound (Dec. 3)	\$1.33
Japanese yen (Dec. 3)	107.20
South Korean won (Dec. 3)	1,149.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.2934
Canada (Dollar)	1.3295
China (Yuan)	7.0394
Denmark (Krone)	6.7608
Egypt (Pound)	16.1508
Euro	\$1.1051/0.9049
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8292
Hungary (Forint)	301.25
Israel (Shekel)	3.4718
Japan (Yen)	109.53
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3037
Norway (Krone)	9.1627
Philippines (Peso)	51.07
Poland (Zloty)	3.88
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7500
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3674
South Korea (Won)	1,185.38
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9951
Thailand (Baht)	30.27
Turkey (Lira)	6.7523
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany, check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.25
Federal funds market rate	0.35
3-month bill	1.56
30-year bond	2.20



GILLIAN JONES, THE (PITTSFIELD, MASS.) BERKSHIRE EAGLE/AP

Zach Lusignea, of Ryan's Landscaping, shovels the snow on Spring Street in Williamstown, Mass., on Sunday.



A U-Haul truck sits snowed in by plows on First Street in downtown Duluth, Minn.



PHOTOS BY ALEX KORMANN, (MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.) STAR TRIBUNE/AP

Mike Taylor works to blow a large pile of snow pushed in front of his driveway by plows throughout the night on Sunday in Duluth, Minn.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

## FACES

# Union, 'AGT' drama unfolds

Actress rumored to have been dropped from popular show after complaints about on-set issues

Associated Press

Gabrielle Union thanked supporters for defending her amid reports she was fired from "America's Got Talent" after complaining about racism and other alleged on-set issues.

"Just when you feel lost, adrift, alone... you got me up off the ground. Humbled and thankful, forever," the actress tweeted last week. She didn't directly address her status with NBC's talent show, and her representatives did not respond to requests for comment.

According to reports, Union and Julianne Hough have been dropped as "America's Got Talent" judges after one season.

Union, who is African American, reportedly sought network action to address a workplace environment that allegedly allowed racist jokes and comments and other troubling behavior, including judge-producer Simon Cowell's smoking indoors in violation of state law. Union's husband, former NBA player Dwyane Wade, also weighed in on Twitter, saying he'd yet to hear a good reason why his wife was being fired.

In a statement, NBC and series producer Fremantle defended what they called the show's "long history of inclusivity and diversity."

"The judging and host lineup has been regularly refreshed over the years and that is one of the reasons for AGT's enduring popularity. NBC and the producers take any issues on set seriously," the companies said.

The judging panel has changed since the show's 2006 debut, but most judges' tenures have lasted at least several years, including that of Sharon Osbourne, Mel B and Howard Stern.

On November 29, Union posted a family photo on Instagram to wish her followers a happy Thanksgiving and to salute "all the friends and family that have my back and all the friends and family I've never met who show love and support when everyone is looking and when no one is looking."

## Brad Paisley happy to be butt of jokes in TV special

Brad Paisley is perfectly comfortable being the butt of jokes. In his new variety special, "Brad Paisley Thinks He's Special," airing Dec. 3 statewide, the country star allows himself to be the punchline in a number of skits with celeb pals including Peyton Manning, Carrie Underwood, the Jonas Brothers and Tim McGraw.

"It's the way I got everybody to do it. I said, 'You're here to roast me,'" he says. "When we were talking on the phone I said, 'Guys, no misconception here. You need to realize this exists for me to be laughed at, and I'm good with that.' So they were like, 'We're in.'"

In one highlight, Underwood takes Paisley mudding in a red truck yelling, "I feel the need for speed" with Paisley exclaiming, "Jesus take the wheel!" as he tries to hold on.

"There's a side of Carrie I've never seen before doing this," said Paisley.

The award-winning musician has enjoyed showing his comedic side since high school and as his star rose in showbiz, it caught on that he was always game to play. He's co-hosted the CMAs 11 times, had a comedy special on Netflix and stars in a series of Nationwide insurance commercials with Manning.

"You show up on some of these late-night shows like 'Kimmel,' they've figured out a long time ago that I'm up for anything and so they'll frequently have



MATT LICARI, INVISION/AP

**Country singer Brad Paisley says he loves the collaborative process.**

me guest and do a funny song or a skit or a thing. Same with other friends I've made. Seth Meyers is a good friend and people like that that over the years I really enjoy the collaborative process of doing things outside of my comfort zone."

"Turning ideas into reality is a thrill for the 47-year-old. "I love nothing more than creating and sort of coming up with an idea and seeing it through in this career. Whether that's a song that you write, and it becomes a single and a hit and a video and a thing you do on tour and leads to everything else or it's a television show. There's nothing more satisfying than saying here's the finish line and I think if we do all these things right, we can get there."

From The Associated Press



NBC photos

**"America's Got Talent" judge Gabrielle Union, above and below left, has reportedly been dropped from the show, along with fellow judge Julianne Hough, below right.**



## Lori Loughlin's daughter returns to YouTube channel

Social media star Olivia Jade Giannulli on Sunday posted her first YouTube video since the arrest of her parents, actress Lori Loughlin and fashion designer Mossimo Giannulli, made her one of the most visible figures in the college admissions scandal that ensnared dozens of wealthy parents and their children.

"Welcome back to my YouTube channel, obviously I've been gone for a really long time," Jade says in the two-minute video, titled "hi again," posted to her account that has nearly 2 million subscribers.

She says she debated for months whether to return to her channel, which focused on fashion, beauty and video-diary entries about her life.

"I'm terrified to make this video and come back," Jade says, "but I want to start taking smaller steps in the right direction."

Loughlin and Giannulli are accused of paying \$500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as recruits to the USC crew team so they could gain admission to the school, even though neither participated in the sport.

Charged in federal court in Massachusetts with conspiracy to commit fraud, bribery and money laundering, they have pleaded not guilty.

In her new video, Jade says she stayed away from social media because she is legally prohibited from talking about the scandal, and it seemed pointless to appear

## 'Frozen 2' sets Thanksgiving weekend record

From wire reports

Disney's "Frozen 2" dominated the box office once again in its second weekend, adding \$123.7 million through the five-day Thanksgiving holiday weekend for a cumulative total of \$287.6 million, according to estimates from measurement firm Comscore.

"Frozen 2" topped previous Thanksgiving weekend record-holder "The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," which earned about \$110 million in 2013.

"Frozen 2" currently stands at \$738.6 million in global ticket sales.

In second place, "Knives Out," a comedic take on the murder mystery genre, opened Wednesday well ahead of expectations with a five-day debut of \$41.7 million. It earned \$28.3 million internationally for a global cumulative total of \$70 million.

At No. 3, "Ford v Ferrari" added a five-day haul of \$19 million, with \$13.2 million in its third weekend for a cumulative total of \$81 million. Globally, the film has earned \$143.3 million.

In fourth place, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" added \$17.3 million over the five days for a domestic cumulative total of \$34.3 million.

Rounding out the top five, "Queen & Slim" opened Wednesday to \$15.8 million through five days.

### Other news

■ **Shelley Morrison**, an actress with a 50-year career who was best known for playing a memorable maid on "Will & Grace," died Sunday, her publicist said. She was 83. Morrison played Rosario Salazar, a maid from El Salvador, in the original run of "Will & Grace," from 1999 to 2006, becoming part of a cast that won a Screen Actors Guild award for best ensemble in a comedy series.



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**Olivia Jade Giannulli, left, poses with her mother, actress Lori Loughlin, Feb. 28.**

and ignore it.

"If I can't talk about it, is there a point in coming back and not being able to say anything?" Jade says.

Jade said the pull of social media was too strong to stay away.

"I actually really, really miss it" she says. "I feel like a huge part of me is not the same because this is something that I'm really passionate about and something I really like to do ... I'm really excited to start filming again and start uploading again."

Jade went silent on social media after her parents' March arrest and lost advertising deals that included cosmetics retailer Sephora and hair products company TRESemme.

From The Associated Press



## WORLD

# Vigil honors victims of London Bridge attack

By JILL LAWLESS AND DANICA KIRKA  
Associated Press

LONDON — London Bridge reopened to cars and pedestrians Monday, three days after a man previously convicted of terrorism offenses stabbed two people to death and injured three others before being shot dead by police.

Political leaders including Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn — who have traded blame for the security failures that allowed the attack — attended a vigil at Guildhall Yard in the medieval heart of London to remember the victims and honor members of the emergency services and bystanders who fought the attacker with fists, fire extinguishers and even a narwhal tusk.

The dignitaries, city officials and members of the public observed two minutes of silence in honor of former University of Cambridge students Saskia Jones, 23, and Jack Merritt, 25. They were fatally stabbed by convicted

terrorist Usman Khan, 28, during an event designed to connect graduate students with prisoners. Both victims worked for the Cambridge-based prisoner rehabilitation program Learning Together.

Two of the three injured people remained in the hospital Monday. The third was discharged.

The attacker was attending the event at Fishmongers' Hall, beside the bridge, and had returned for the afternoon session when he started stabbing people. Police believe he acted alone.

He was pursued onto London Bridge and restrained by staff from the venue and others attending the conference. Police opened fire after he flashed what looked like a suicide vest. It was a fake device.

The attack has pushed security to the top of the agenda in campaigning for the U.K.'s Dec. 12 election.

In the wake of the attack, authorities are ur-



Joe GUDENS, PA/AP

**The family of Jack Merritt on Monday takes part in a vigil at The Guildhall to honor him and Saskia Jones who were killed in Friday's attack on London Bridge.**

gently reviewing the release of more than 70 other former terrorist prisoners.

As part of that work, a 34-year-old man was arrested Saturday in Stoke-on-Trent, central England, on suspicion of preparation of terrorist acts. Police said Monday he had been returned to prison for breaching his release conditions.

# Indians call for justice after gang rape, killing

Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Hundreds of people gathered in New Delhi, Ahmedabad, Mumbai and other Indian cities Monday to demand justice in the case of a veterinarian who was gang-raped and killed last week.

The protesters demanded a fast-track investigation of the case and stringent laws for the safety of women in India.

"We are not scared anymore in India. We are scared to move out of our homes," said Sejal Kumar, a college student from New Delhi.

The burned body of the 27-year-old woman was found Thursday morning by a passerby in an underpass in the southern city of Hyderabad after she went missing the previous night.

Police said four suspects have been taken into custody.

Violent crimes against women have been in the spotlight in India since 2012, when the fatal gang rape of a young woman aboard a moving bus in New Delhi prompted hundreds of thousands to take to the streets to demand stricter laws against rape.

The attack spurred quick action on legislation that doubled prison terms for rapists to 20 years and criminalized voyeurism, stalking and the trafficking of women. Indian lawmakers also voted to lower to 16 from 18 the age at which a person can be tried as an adult for heinous crimes.

Last week's incident was also discussed in Parliament.

## Prosecutors: Russia let MH17 suspect leave

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Dutch prosecutors accused Russia of deliberately allowing a suspect in the 2014 downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 to leave the country in a breach of a European extradition treaty.

Prosecutors announced Monday that Volodymyr Tsemakh is considered a suspect in the shooting down of the passenger plane and deaths of all 298 passengers and crew. He has not been charged with any offenses.

Tsemakh, a Ukrainian who was questioned by investigators probing the downing of the flight known as MH17 while in custody in Ukraine, was handed to Russia as part of a prisoner swap in September.

Dutch prosecutors say they asked Russia to arrest Tsemakh so he could be extradited. However, he is now believed to have returned to eastern Ukraine.

## Gunmen kill 14 during service in Burkina Faso

DAKAR, Senegal — Gunmen launched yet another attack on a church service in the West African nation of Burkina Faso, killing 14 people and wounding several others in the small eastern town of Hantoukoura.

Sunday's massacre follows a string of attacks by radical Islamic insurgents on military posts, a mining convoy and places of worship in the restive countryside that the cash-strapped military has struggled to contain.

The assailants fled on motorbikes after spraying bullets into the Protestant congregation, authorities said.

## 50 children killed by measles in Samoa

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Samoa's government said Mon-

day that another five children had died within the past day from a measles outbreak, bringing the death toll from the epidemic to more than 50 as authorities race to vaccinate the entire population.

Samoa declared a national emergency last month and mandated that all 200,000 people living on the South Pacific island nation get vaccinated. The government has closed all schools and banned children from public gatherings.

In all, 53 people have died in the outbreak since late October.

## Arrests made in killing of American family

MEXICO CITY — Mexican authorities on Sunday arrested several people suspected of involvement in the killing of nine members of the LeBaron family, the extended clan of Americans whose deaths last month drew international attention to rising violence in this country.

The federal attorney general's office said in a communique that soldiers, Marines, National Guard and other security forces launched a joint operation early Sunday and detained "various individuals believed to be involved" in the killings outside the town of La Mora in the northern state of Sonora.

Officials didn't provide details, and the attorney general's office didn't respond to a request for comment.

Mexican authorities have said the LeBarons — an extended family part of a fundamentalist Mormon offshoot that has dual U.S.-Mexican citizenship and has lived in northern Mexico for generations — appear to have been caught unawares in a conflict between affiliates of the Sinaloa and Juez cartels that dominate the rural area.

From wire reports

## Tunisian president vows safer roads after crashes

Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia — Tunisia's president is promising to improve his country's poor road safety record after 26 people were killed in a bus crash — and then a car transporting one of the bodies was reportedly hit by a train.

The Health Ministry on Monday raised the death toll to 26 from the accident in which a bus carrying Tunisians on an excursion plummeted off a hill in the

Beja region Sunday.

Seventeen people were injured. Local radio Mosaïque FM reported that a car carrying one of the victims was struck by a train Monday in the neighboring Kef region, killing a 21-year-old woman.

Mourning the dead, President Kais Saïed promised to "do everything in my power to deal with the consequences of the disaster and fix what can be fixed."

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# Russia shows prehistoric puppy found in permafrost

By DARIA LITVINOVA  
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Associated Press

YAKUTSK, Russia — Russian scientists on Monday showed off a prehistoric puppy, believed to be 18,000 years old, found in permafrost in the country's Far East.

Discovered last year in a lump of frozen mud near the city of Yakutsk, the puppy is unusually well-preserved, with its hair, teeth, whiskers and eyelashes still intact.

"This puppy has all its limbs, pelage — fur, even whiskers. The nose is visible. There are teeth. We can determine due to some data that it is a male," Nikolai Androsov, director of the Northern World private museum where the

remains are stored, said at the presentation at the Yakutsk's Mammoth Museum which specializes in ancient specimens.

In recent years, Russia's Far East has provided many riches for scientists studying the remains of ancient animals. As the permafrost melts, affected by climate change, more and more parts of woolly mammoths, canines and other prehistoric animals are being discovered.

When the puppy was discovered, scientists from the Stockholm-based Center for Paleogenetics took a piece of bone to study its DNA.

"The first step was, of course, to send the sample to radio carbon dating to see how old it was and when we got the results back it turned



SENGE FYODOROV, YAKUTSK MAMMOTH MUSEUM/AP

**Russian scientists presented a unique prehistoric canine to the public Monday.**

out that it was roughly 18,000 years old," Love Dalen, professor of evolutionary genetics at the center, said in an online interview.

Further tests, however, left the scientists with more questions than answers — they couldn't definitively tell whether it was a dog or a wolf.

He added that the scientists are about to do a third round of genome sequencing, which might solve the mystery.

## Woman rescued after 12 nights in Outback

DARWIN, Australia — A woman who was stranded in the arid central Australian Outback almost two weeks ago has been rescued.

A search was continuing Monday for her two friends.

Tamra McBeath-Riley, 52, was being treated in an Alice Springs hospital for dehydration and exposure after she was found late Sunday, Police Superintendent Pauline Vicary said. The air search continued on Monday for her friends, Claire Hockridge, 46, and Phu Tran, 40.

The three set out from Alice Springs for an afternoon drive on Nov. 19 and their car became bogged in a riverbed southwest of the town.

From The Associated Press

# Auschwitz-themed ornaments pulled from Amazon following backlash

By JENNIFER HASSAN  
The Washington Post

Amazon has halted the sale of Auschwitz-themed products such as Christmas decorations, a mouse pad and a bottle opener from its website following an outpouring of disgust on social media led by Poland's of-

ficial memorial museum.

The items featured images from Auschwitz, the former Nazi camp where an estimated 1.1 million men, women and children died during World War II. The Auschwitz-themed star holiday decoration was described as a "high quality snowflake," while one seller, going by the name

of Fcheng, had described the bottle opener as a "memorable gift, perfect for every festival."

The Auschwitz Museum took to Twitter on Sunday to condemn the online retailer for selling the products on its website, calling the products "disturbing and disrespectful."

The bottle opener features an image of the barbed wire fencing at the camp in Poland described by the seller as "a beautiful pattern nested in the middle."

Other images of Auschwitz, the largest of the Nazi concentration camps, were being sold on heart- and bell-shaped merchandise for the price of \$12-\$14.

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# OPINION

## Hamilton saw this impeachment scenario coming

By DOYLE MCMAUS  
Los Angeles Times

**T**he grounds for impeaching President Donald Trump aren't hard to find. They're clearly stated in the spare words of the Constitution.

The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

This week, the House Judiciary Committee takes up two critical questions: Does Trump's scheme to persuade Ukraine's president to announce an investigation of Democrats, including Joe Biden, qualify as bribery?

If not, was it a serious abuse of power — a "high crime or misdemeanor" looked up the debates in the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia that produced the impeachment language.

It wasn't clear, at first, that the Constitution would include impeachment. One influential delegate, Gouverneur Morris, of Pennsylvania, thought it wasn't necessary.

Let the voters decide, he suggested; if a president is reelected, "that will be sufficient proof of his innocence."

Others disagreed. "Shall any man be above justice?" demanded George Mason, a leading conservative from Virginia.

Mason worried that a corrupt president might contrive to fix his own reelection.

"Shall the man who has practiced corruption, and by that means procured his appointment in the first instance, be (allowed) to escape punishment by repeating his guilt?"

James Madison, of Virginia, added another reason: A future president "might betray his trust to foreign powers," he warned.

At that, Morris announced that he had changed his mind.

"No one would say that we ought to expose ourselves to the danger of seeing the first magistrate in foreign pay," he said, according to the minutes Madison kept.

By "high crimes and misdemeanors," a phrase that seems maddeningly broad today, they meant acts against the integrity

of the republican system they were designing, not violations of the federal criminal code.

Morris said the clause was intended to cover "attempts to subvert the Constitution." Alexander Hamilton, a delegate from New York, wrote that it meant "the abuse or violation of some public trust."

By Hamilton's standard, Trump's withholding military aid to Ukraine while he asked its leaders to investigate Biden, the former vice president, qualifies as a "high crime," hands down.

Bribery, since it's specifically cited in the Constitution, would be a clearer case to take to the country. And House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., argues that the evidence supports a bribery charge.

"What the president has admitted to (in his July 25 phone call with Ukraine's president), I say it's perfectly wrong," she told reporters. "It's bribery."

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, agreed, although the former federal prosecutor was a little more lawyerly.

"An official act was conditioned on political favors the president wanted for his election," Schiff told NPR. "As the founders understood bribery, it was not as we understand it in law today. It was much broader. It connoted the breach of the public trust in a way where you're offering official acts for some personal or political reason, not in the nation's interest."

The House can also charge Trump with other abuses of power — for example, failing to execute the law that provided the aid for Ukraine.

Officials in the Defense Department and the White House Office of Management and Budget warned privately at the time that blocking the aid was probably illegal.

Expect vigorous debate in the weeks ahead about what constitutes bribery, as well as other abuses of power that might warrant impeachment.

The late Charles L. Black Jr. of Yale Law School defined those abuses this way: "Offenses which are extremely serious, which in some way corrupt or subvert the political and governmental process, and which are plainly wrong in themselves to a person who is defending themselves."

Or there's the definition Vice President

Mike Pence offered in 2008 when he was a GOP congressman from Indiana: "This business of high crimes and misdemeanors goes to the question of whether the person accused is president of the United States put their own interests, their personal interests, ahead of public service."

Pence and his fellow Republicans have largely abandoned that standard in the age of Trump.

"An impeachable offense should be compelling, overwhelmingly clear and unambiguous, and it is not something to be rushed or taken lightly," Rep. Will Hurd, R-Texas, who is retiring, said in one of the House hearings. "I have not heard evidence proving the president committed bribery or extortion."

Indeed, for Trump's supporters, the definition of an impeachable offense remains just blurry enough that they can always deny it has been met.

For a picturesque example, there's the argument of Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, that while the president may have abused power, it was just Trump being Trump.

"There's not anything that the president said in that phone call that's different than he says in public all the time," Thornberry said last month. "Is there some sort of abuse of power that rises to a threshold that is different than the American people have been hearing for three years? I don't hear that."

Besides, Thornberry said in an all-purpose deflection that echoed Gouverneur Morris' initial argument in Philadelphia 232 years ago — before he changed his mind. "We have an election coming up ... Let the American people decide this."

Hamilton, of course, saw this coming long before he got a musical on Broadway.

Impeachment is almost certain "that to agitate the passions of the whole community, and to divide it into parties more or less friendly or inimical to the accused," he wrote in the Americanist.

"There will always be the greatest danger that the decision will be regulated more by the comparative strength of parties, than by the real demonstrations of innocence or guilt."

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## Be thankful America is not fighting 'endless wars'

By JAMES JAY CARAFANO  
Tribune News Service

**"T**hank you for your service." Our troops hear that often from their fellow Americans, and not just during the holiday season. Well, our gratitude can go even deeper. We can also be thankful that they are not fighting "endless wars."

Calls for "no more endless wars" may be catchy, but they're a bumper-stick excuse for a serious foreign policy. Sure, there are many intractable conflicts around the world, but the United States doesn't have America's military deployments. And if the president's critics could look at the facts on the ground, free from political bias, they would see that his administration has done an excellent job aligning America's global presence with U.S. national interests.

The White House has drawn the most criticism for its actions in Syria, which without question will remain a fractured country plagued with instability and conflict for years to come. This, simply put, is not our war. That didn't stop critics from assailing the president. Nor did they retract their criticism when it became clear that while we aren't planning on being a party to the conflict, we aren't walking

away from our responsibility either.

The U.S. is adjusting its presence to continue the fight against Islamic State and positively contribute to minimizing conflict that affects its friends and allies. What the president is doing throughout the Middle East is transitioning to a more sustainable posture, one that equitably shares the burdens while keeping the pressure on ISIS and Iran, the chief destabilizing threats in the region.

In a similar manner, the U.S. is still in Afghanistan. But we aren't fighting a war. We are, along with our NATO allies, providing advice and support to the Afghan people who are defending themselves.

They don't want to live under the oppression of the Taliban. Supporting them is not only a noble mission, it serves U.S. interests. If the Taliban overrun Afghanistan again, we would be right back to the dangerous conditions we faced on 9/11.

In Western Europe, this administration has actually increased America's military might — not to fight a war, but to deter a future one. And it's hard to argue with success. Under President Donald Trump's watch, not one more inch of European soil has fallen into Vladimir Putin's grasp.

That's a posture that can't be matched by the last two presidents.

In Asia, China is undergoing an unprecedented military expansion. No one outside Beijing thinks that's going to make the world a safer place. There's no question that the U.S., in concert with its allies, needs to step up and counter this expansion. That's far from war-mongering. Support for that effort is also truly bipartisan, recognizing America's need to ensure its future as an Indo-Pacific power.

In other places around the world, our troops are deployed in numbers large and small. They aren't looking for a fight. They aren't looking to own a square foot of soil. They are there because America is a global power that respects its interests.

They aren't the world's policeman, but they are looking after our interests around the world. They are part of America's most important export — a force for peace and stability.

So as we remember our troops this holiday season, often experiencing about as much comfort as the exhausted, ragged Continental army did when heading for its winter camp in Valley Forge, let's remember exactly why we should be grateful.

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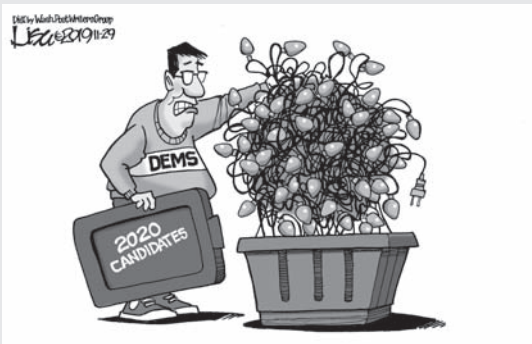
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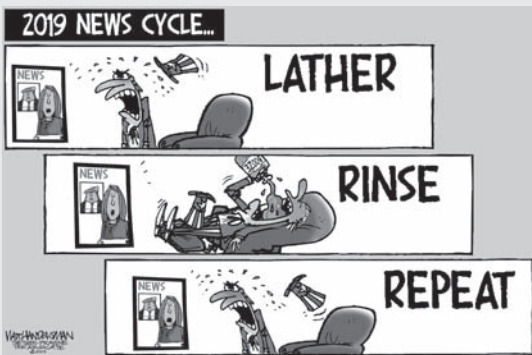
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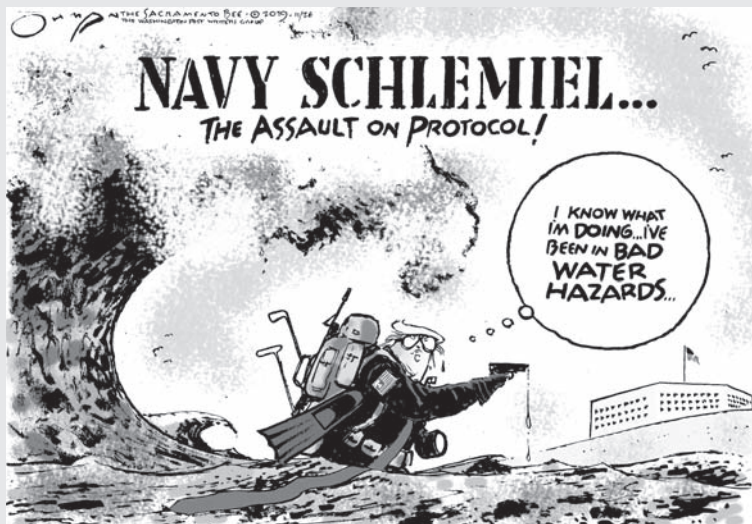
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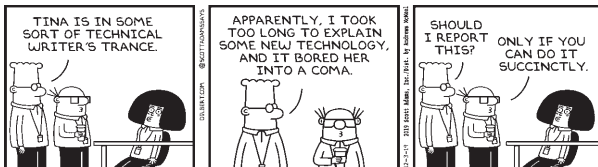


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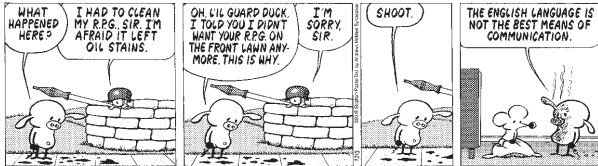
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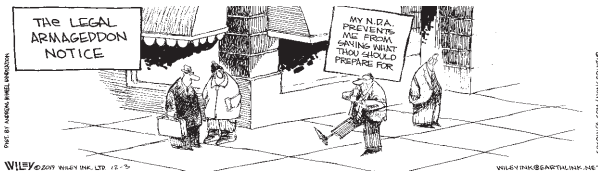
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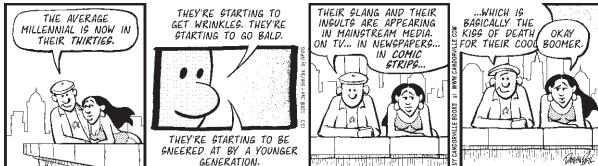
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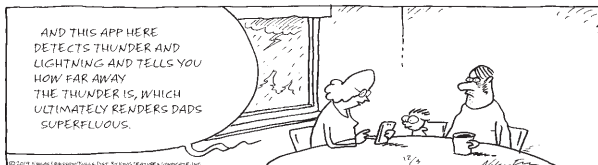
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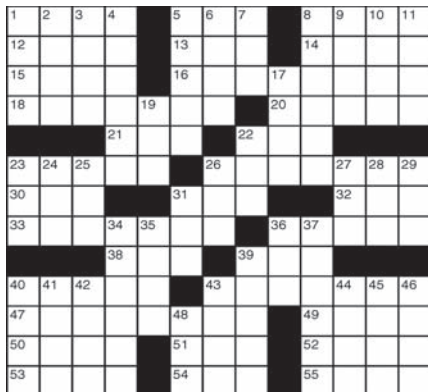
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



### ACROSS

- 1 Mimicked
- 5 Costume hairpiece
- 8 Sharpen
- 12 Island near Java
- 13 Man-mouse link
- 14 Robust
- 15 Chowder morsel
- 16 Traveler on foot
- 18 Bottle-nosed mammal
- 20 Say
- 21 Fib
- 22 Prefix with athlete
- 23 Seraglio
- 26 To the midpoint
- 30 Punk-rock subgenre
- 31 Calendar abbr.
- 32 Candle count
- 33 Ungovernable
- 36 Chef's garb
- 38 Sprite
- 39 Opposite of "post-"
- 40 Sand bar
- 43 Torte carrier
- 47 Our galaxy
- 49 German river
- 50 Rim
- 51 Count start
- 52 "Carmen" solo
- 53 Sport

- 54 Montreal summer
- 55 Helen's home

- 25 Singer Orbison
- 26 Paul Newman film

### DOWN

- 1 Starting lineup?
- 2 — Alto, Calif.
- 3 Mideast airline
- 4 Cheek dent
- 5 "Holy cow!"
- 6 Persia, today
- 7 Festive
- 8 "Suppose ..."
- 9 Male red deer
- 10 General Robert —
- 11 Region (Abbr.)
- 17 Roll up, as a flag
- 19 That guy
- 22 Price point
- 23 Chop
- 24 "I — Rock"
- 27 Kids' card game
- 28 Past
- 29 Longing
- 31 Canine cry
- 34 Not as potent
- 35 Friend
- 36 Noah's boat
- 37 Examine closely
- 39 Check recipient
- 40 Diving duck
- 41 Conceal
- 42 Gymnast Korbut
- 43 Quitter's word
- 44 "Innards" star
- 45 Toledo's state
- 46 Picture of health?
- 48 Misery

### Answer to Previous Puzzle



### 12-3

### CRYPTOQUIP

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NVWV DRRT HWRBBVH, LCV  
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals H

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## Agate label

## Sunday's transactions

**FOOTBALL**  
National Football League  
**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** — Released TE Alize Mack from the practice squad.  
Signed DeVondre Lawrence to the practice squad.  
**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** — Waived DT Albert Huggins. Activated CB Cr'Von LeBlanc from IR. Signed TE Josh Perine from the practice squad.  
**WASHINGTON REDSKINS** — Released LB Garrett Sawyer. Signed Chris Odum from the practice squad.

**HOCKEY**  
National Hockey League  
**CALGARY FLAMES** — Assigned D Alexander Veletin to Stockton (AHL).  
**DETROIT RED WINGS** — Assigned G Calvin Pickard to Grand Rapids (AHL). Recalled D Jonathan Ericsson from Grand Rapids.

**PITTSBURGH PENGUINS** — Placed D Brian Boyle on injured reserve.  
**ST. LOUIS BLUES** — Assigned D Derrick Pouliot to San Antonio (AHL).  
**WASHINGTON CAPITALS** — Reassigned Fs Beck Malenstyn and D Christian Djose to Hershey (AHL).

**COLLEGE**  
Northwestern State — Announced offensive coordinator/quartermbacks coach Mick McCall will not return next season.

**FOOTBALL**  
Texas Tech — Fired offensive coordinator Tommy Tuberville. Hired defensive coordinator/passing game coordinator Drew Nembhard. Demoted offensive coordinator Tim Beck to quartermbacks coach. Demoted defensive coordinator/offensive safeties coach Craig Vear will be the interim defensive coordinator. Hired defensive coordinator/coordinator of safeties coach Cory Mekkes will no longer coach but will stay in the program in an administrative role.  
**UTSA** — Fired football coach Frank Wilson.

## Golf

## Alfred Dunhill Championship

**Sunday**  
Leopard Creek Country Club  
Malelane, South Africa  
Yardage: 7,249; Par: 72  
**Final**  
Pablo Larrazabal, Spain 66-69 70-75=280  
Jed Shuhan, South Africa 70-74-68-69=281  
C. Schwartzel, South Africa 70-72-70-70=282  
Justin Harding, South Africa 68-70-74-70=282  
W. Besseling, Netherlands 65-73-70-74=282  
D. van Tonder, South Africa 68-75-68-284=284  
Justin Harding, South Africa 68-70-74-70=284  
J. Vermeer, United States 72-71-70-72=285  
M. Viljoen, South Africa 72-71-69-73=285  
Justin Harding, South Africa 72-70-74-73=286  
Connor Sykes, Scotland 69-75-73-69=286  
Garrick Porteous, England 66-75-70-75=286

## College basketball

## Top 25 Fared

1. Duke (7-1) lost Stephen F. Austin 85-83, OT; beat Winthrop 83-70.  
2. Louisville (7-0) beat Western Kentucky 71-54.  
3. Michigan State (5-2) lost to Virginia Tech 82-69; beat North Carolina 94-82, 75-62.  
4. Kansas (6-1) beat Oklahoma 93-63; beat BYU 71-61; beat Dayton 90-84, OT.  
5. Maryland (4-0) beat Temple 76-69; beat Maryland 80-77; beat Georgetown 84-82.  
6. North Carolina (6-1) beat Virginia Tech 82-69.  
7. Gonzaga (8-0) beat Maine 46-25.  
8. Gonzaga (8-0) beat Southern Miss 90-55; beat UNH 93-77; beat Oregon 73-62; lost to Michigan 82-69.  
9. Kentucky (6-1) beat UAB 69-58.  
10. Ohio State (7-0) beat Kent State 71-52; beat Morgan State 90-57.  
11. Oregon (6-2) beat UC, 13 Seton Hall 71-69; lost to No. 8 Gonzaga 73-72, OT; lost to No. 10 Kentucky 82-69.  
12. Texas Tech (5-2) lost to Iowa 72-61; lost to Creighton 83-76.  
13. Utah Valley Hall (6-2) lost to No. 11 Oregon 71-69; beat Southern Miss 81-56; beat Iowa State 86-76.  
14. Arizona (9-0) beat Pepperdine 93-91; beat Utah Valley 92-82; beat Wake Forest 73-66.  
15. Pennsylvania State (7-1) lost to Saint Mary's 82-76.  
16. Memphis (6-1) beat NC State 83-76.  
17. Tennessee (6-1) beat Chattanooga 56-46; lost to Florida State 69-57; beat the

## College football

## AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place teams in parentheses. Rankings as of Nov. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	(OH) 30	12-0	1,498	22
2	(Clemson) 13	12-0	1,486	23
3	Georgia	11-1	1,356	4
4	Utah	11-1	1,275	6
5	Oklahoma	10-2	1,257	7
6	Florida	10-2	1,135	8
7	Wisconsin	10-2	1,108	9
8	Alabama	10-2	995	5
9	Boise State	10-2	974	11
10	Auburn	9-3	957	16
11	Penn State	10-2	890	12
12	Oregon	10-2	799	14
13	Notre Dame	10-2	734	15
14	Minnesota	10-2	683	17
15	Memphis	11-1	617	17
16	Michigan	9-3	593	18
17	Iowa	9-3	537	19
18	Boise State	10-2	463	30
19	Appalachian St.	11-1	288	22
20	Cincinnati	10-2	237	18
21	Georgia Tech	11-1	234	1
22	Navy	9-2	216	24
23	Southern Cal	8-4	157	25
24	Air Force	10-2	65	-

**Others receiving votes:** SMU 50, Oklahoma 36, Kansas 32, UCF 6, Virginia Tech 5, Iowa St. 4, Arizona St. 4, California 3, Washington 2, New Mexico 2.

## Coaches Top 25

The Armyway Top 25 football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 30, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th, and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	LSU (43)	12-0	1,577	1
2	Ohio State (17)	12-0	1,548	2
3	Clemson (4)	12-0	1,482	3
4	Georgia	11-1	1,478	4
5	Utah	11-1	1,326	6
6	Oklahoma	11-1	1,294	8
7	Florida	10-2	1,135	8
8	Boise State	11-1	1,117	10
9	Wisconsin	10-2	1,068	9
10	Oregon	10-2	952	14
11	Alabama	9-3	897	16
12	Boise State	10-2	878	15
13	Oregon	10-2	878	15
14	Notre Dame	10-2	868	9
15	Minnesota	10-2	868	9
16	Memphis	11-1	859	17
17	Boise State	11-1	859	17
18	Tennessee	9-3	820	20
19	Iowa	9-3	820	20
20	Michigan State	10-2	820	21
21	Cincinnati	10-2	817	17
22	Virginia	9-3	192	NR
23	Appalachian St.	11-1	124	22
24	Southern California	8-4	171	25

**Others receiving votes:** Southern Miss 50, Oklahoma 36, Kansas 32, UCF 6, Virginia Tech 5, Iowa St. 4, Arizona St. 4, California 3, Washington 2, New Mexico 2.

**Friday, Dec. 6**  
**MIDWEST**  
Mid-American Championship: Miami (Ohio) vs. Central Michigan at Detroit

**FAR WEST**  
Pac-12 Championship: Oregon vs. Utah at Santa Clara, Calif.

**SOUTH**  
Sun Belt Championship: Appalachian State vs. Louisiana-Lafayette  
C-USA Championship: UAB at FAU  
SEC Championship: LSU vs. Georgia at Atlanta

**SWAC**  
Championship: Southern at Alcorn State  
**ACC**  
Championship: Clemson vs. Virginia at Charlotte, N.C.

**MIDWEST**  
American Athletic Championship: Cincinnati at Memphis  
**Big Ten**  
Championship: Ohio State vs. Wisconsin at Atlanta, Texas

**SOUTHWEST**  
Big 12 Championship: Baylor vs. Oklahoma at Arlington, Texas  
**FAR WEST**  
Mountain West Championship: Hawaii at Boise State

**FCS playoffs**  
**First Round**  
Saturday, Nov. 30  
Monmouth (NJ) at Kutztown 17  
Albany (NY) at Central Conn. State 14  
Illinois State 24, SE Missouri State 6  
Northern Iowa 17, San Diego 3

**Second Round**  
Saturday, Dec. 7  
Monmouth (NJ) (11-2) at James Madison (11-1)  
N. Iowa (9-4) at S. Dakota State (8-4)  
Kennesaw State (11-2) at Weber State (9-3)  
Albany (NY) (9-4) at Montana State (9-3)  
SE Louisiana (8-4) at Montana (9-3)  
Texas A&M-Commerce 23, Colorado State (9-3)  
Nicholls (9-4) at N. Dakota State (12-0)  
Perry (10-3) at Sacramento State (9-3)

**NCAA Division II playoffs**  
**Second Round**  
Saturday, Nov. 30  
Ohio State (11-2) at Kutztown 17  
Slippery Rock 51, Shepherd 30  
West Florida (12-0) vs. C. Arkansas (9-3)  
Ferris State 37, Central Missouri 10  
NW Missouri St. 63, Lindenwood (Mo.) 7

**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, Dec. 7  
Slippery Rock (12-0) vs. Notre Dame (OH) (12-1)  
West Florida (12-0) vs. Lenoir-Rhyne (13-0)  
Ferris State (11-0) vs. NW Missouri State (12-1)  
Kennesaw State (12-0) vs. Texas A&M-Commerce (11-2)

**NCAA Division III playoffs****Second Round**  
Saturday, Nov. 30  
Salisbury (Md.) (10-1) at 41  
Muhlenberg 42, Brockport 0  
Delaware Valley 45, Wesley 10  
Mary Hardin-Baylor 40, Henderson 6  
Wisc.-Whitewater 41, Wartburg 28  
Wheaton (Ill.) 30, Saint John's (Minn.) 55, Chapman 26

**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, Dec. 7  
Muhlenberg (12-0) at Salisbury (11-0)  
Hawaii Central (11-1) at Delaware Valley (11-1)  
Wisconsin-Whitewater (11-1) at Mary Hardin-Baylor (12-0)  
Saint John's (Minn.) (11-1) at Wheaton (Ill.) (12-0)

**NAIA playoffs**  
**Quarterfinals**  
Saturday, Nov. 30  
Morningside 51, Saint Xavier 0  
Lindsey Wilson 35, Kansas Wesleyan 24  
Grandy 19-14, Col. of Idaho 10-6  
Altarian (Ind.) 30, Cumberland 0

**Semifinals**  
Saturday, Dec. 7  
Grand View (13-0) at Morningside (12-0)  
Lindsey Wilson (12-0) at Marian (11-0)

## Bowl Schedule

**Dec. 20**  
Bahamas Bowl, MAC vs. CUSA, Nassau, Bahamas  
Frisco (Texas) Bowl, AAC vs. At-large

**Dec. 21**  
Celebration Bowl, AAC vs. SWAC, Atlanta  
Cure Bowl, AAC vs. Sun Belt, Orlando, Fla.  
Peach Raton (Fla.) Bowl, AAC/CUSA/MAC vs. Sun Belt, Orlando, Fla.

**Dec. 22**  
Camella Bowl, MAC vs. Sun Belt, Montgomery, Ala.  
Las Vegas Bowl, MWC vs. Pac-12  
New Orleans Bowl, Sun Belt vs. CUSA

**Dec. 23**  
Gasparilla Bowl, AAC vs. CUSA, Tampa, Fla.  
**Dec. 24**  
Hawaii Bowl, BYU/MWC/AAC, Honolulu

**Dec. 26**  
Independence Bowl, ACC vs. SEC, Shreveport, La.  
Quick Lane Bowl, ACC vs. Big Ten, Detroit

**Dec. 27**  
Military Bowl, ACC vs. AAC, Annapolis, Md.  
Pinstripe Bowl, ACC vs. Big Ten, Bronx, N.Y.  
Texas Bowl, Big 12 vs. SEC, Houston

**Dec. 28**  
Holiday Bowl, Big Ten vs. Pac-12, San Diego  
Keez-it Bowl, Big 12 vs. Pac-12, Phoenix

**Dec. 28**  
Camping World Bowl, ACC vs. Big 12, Orlando, Fla.  
Cotton Bowl, TBA vs. TBA, Arlington, Texas  
Peach Bowl, CFP Semifinal, TBA vs. TBA, Atlanta

**Dec. 29**  
Fiesta Bowl, CFP Semifinal, TBA vs. TBA, Glendale, Ariz.  
**Dec. 30**  
SERVPRO First Responder Bowl, Big 12 vs. CUSA, Dallas

**Dec. 31**  
Redbox Bowl, ACC vs. Big Ten vs. SEC, Nashville, Tenn.  
Redbox Bowl, Big Ten vs. Pac-12, Santa Clara, Calif.  
Orange Bowl, TBA vs. TBA, Miami Gardens, Fla.

**Dec. 31**  
Belk Bowl, ACC vs. SEC, Charlotte, N.C.  
Sun Bowl, ACC vs. Pac-12, El Paso, Texas  
Liberty Bowl, Big 12 vs. SEC, Memphis, Tenn.

**Jan. 1**  
Arizona Bowl, MWC vs. Sun Belt, Tucson, Ariz.  
Alamo Bowl, Big 12 vs. Pac-12, San Antonio  
Citrus Bowl, ACC or Big Ten vs. SEC, Orlando, Fla.

**Jan. 2**  
Outback Bowl, Big Ten vs. SEC, Tampa, Fla.  
Sun Bowl, Big Ten vs. Pac-12, Pasadena, Calif.  
Hawaii Bowl, Big 12 vs. SEC, New Orleans

**Jan. 2**  
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl, SEC vs. AAC  
Gator Bowl, SEC/AAC/Big Ten, Jacksonville, Fla.

**Jan. 3**  
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl, MAC vs. MWC, Boise  
**Jan. 4**  
Armed Forces Bowl, MWC vs. Big Ten, Fort Worth, Texas

**Jan. 6**  
Mobile Alabama Bowl, MAC vs. Sun Belt, Mobile, Ala.  
**Jan. 13**  
CFP National Championship, New Orleans

Indians acquire catcher  
Leon from Red Sox

CLEVELAND — The Indians have acquired veteran catcher Sandy Leon in a trade from the Red Sox.

Cleveland sent minor league right-hander Adenys Bautista to Boston on Monday for the 30-year-old Leon, who has split his eight-year major league career between Boston and Washington. Leon batted just .192 last season in 65 games for the Red Sox, but he's been ranked among the AL's best defensive catchers.

Larrazabal birdies last  
to clinch Alfred Dunhill

MALELANE, South Africa — Pablo Larrazabal won the European Tour's season-opening Alfred Dunhill Championship on Sunday after losing a three-shot overnight lead and then making three birdies on his last four holes for a dramatic one-stroke victory.

Larrazabal birdied the par-5 No. 18 as the Spaniard finished 8 under overall and just ahead of Sweden's Joel Sjoeholm.

Sjoeholm's final round 69 almost saw him through to his first European Tour victory.

Charl Schwartzel (70) finished tied for third at 6 under on his return to tournament action for the first time in eight months because of a wrist injury.

Shiffrin enjoys another  
big win in WC slalom

KILLINGTON, Vt. — Mikaela Shiffirin's winning margins in World Cup slaloms just get more remarkable.

One weekend after finishing 1.78 seconds ahead of her opponents in Finland, Shiffirin was a massive 2.29 seconds clear of her biggest rival, Petra Vlhova, in the United States on Sunday.

Shiffirin's success for a fourth straight year at Killington was the 62nd World Cup win of her career, which tied her for second on the all-time women's list.

The 24-year-old American drew level with Annemarie Moser-Proell, the Austrian downhill great of the 1970s, and now trails only Lindsey Vonn's 82 wins.

Moore, Marks earn  
Olympic surfing spots

HONOLULU BAY, Hawaii — Carissa Moore of Honolulu and Caroline Marks of Melbourne Beach, Fla., qualified for the two spots on the U.S. women's Olympic surfing team Sunday.

Moore and Marks finished as the top two American women on the 2019 World Surf League rankings. Lakey Peterson of Santa Barbara, Calif., who entered the final event of the season ranked No. 2 in the world behind Moore, missed a spot when she was eliminated in the round of 16 and Marks advanced to the quarterfinals.

Marks, 17, came into the final event ranked third in the world. While the top three women in the WSL rankings are American, only two per gender per nation can compete when surfing makes its Olympic debut at the Tokyo Games.



NBA

# Clippers blow out Wizards

Los Angeles' offense in high gear against woeful Washington

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Coach Doc Rivers called the first play of the game for Paul George and he hit a three-pointer.

His teammates found him the rest of the way.

Kawhi Leonard scored 34 points, George added 31, and the Los Angeles Clippers rolled past undermanned Washington 150-125 on Sunday night for their 12th win in a row over the Wizards at home.

"It's those new shoulders. He's just a great shooter," Rivers said of George. "He's shooting deep shots on the move and doing it with great balance."

Montrezl Harrell added 23 points and a career-high 15 rebounds and Lou Williams had 22 points for the Clippers, who led all the way in improving to a franchise-best 12-1 at Staples Center.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

**Clippers forward Montrezl Harrell shoots past Wizards forward Davis Bertans on Sunday in Los Angeles. Harrell scored 23 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds in the Clippers' 150-125 victory.**

"Their athletes are long, wiry and strong and defensive-minded," Wizards coach Scott Brooks said. "On top of that, they can score. That's a great benefit."

The Clippers shot 57% in taking a 27-point lead in the first half when George had 27 points.

"We just came out a little bit more aggressive as a unit," Williams said. "We were very efficient on the offensive end. The shots we took a lot of times were ones we wanted to take."

George and Leonard combined

to score 10 of the Clippers' first 13 points in the third when they led 95-69.

The Wizards ran off 11 straight points to close within 15 in their only major spur of the game.

From there, the Clippers outscored Washington 19-12 to lead 116-98 going into the fourth.

For the game, the Clippers shot 55%, owned a 66-46 edge in the paint and their bench outscored the Wizards reserves 73-39.

"We're pretty good once we're clicking," Williams said.

Rookie Rui Hachimura scored a career-high 30 points and Bradley Beal added 23 points and 11 assists for the Wizards. They were without injured John Wall, Moe Wagner, C.J. Miles and Ian Mahinmi in losing for the fourth time in five games.

Davis Bertans had 20 points and a tied his career high with six three-pointers for Washington.

It was the second time this season the Clippers scored 150 points. They beat Atlanta 150-101 last month.

## Roundup

# Doncic's big 2nd half keys Mavs rout of Lakers

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Luka Doncic scored 21 of his 27 points in a dynamic second half, Kristaps Porzingis added 15 points and the Dallas Mavericks snapped the Los Angeles Lakers' 10-game winning streak with a 114-100 victory Sunday.

Doncic also had 10 assists and nine rebounds, and Delon Wright had 17 points and nine assists in the Mavericks' seventh victory in eight games.

Dallas underlined its status as a likely title contender with an inspired second half on the road against the NBA-leading Lakers, who had lost only once in 18 games since their season opener.

LeBron James had 25 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Lakers, whose longest winning streak in 10 years ended with their 16th defeat of the young season.

The Mavs erased a halftime deficit with a 28-5 run to open the third quarter, shredding the Lakers' usually solid defense. Dallas' decisive rally was led by a majestic quarter from Doncic, who had 16 points and five assists in the third after going 2-for-9 in the first half.

"It's a great win that means a lot to us," Doncic said. "It shows that we can play against big teams, too. We just need to keep it rolling."

The Mavs comfortably maintained their big lead in the fourth, and Doncic provided some late showmanship by hitting that fourth three-pointer over James and starting toward former Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki, who had center court seats.



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

**The Mavericks' Luka Doncic shoots during Sunday's 114-100 win over the Lakers in Los Angeles. Doncic finished with 27 points, 10 assists and 9 rebounds.**

**Heat 109, Nets 106:** Jimmy Butler scored 20 points, Bam Adebayo had 17 points and 16 rebounds and Miami scored the final 10 points to beat host Brooklyn.

Spencer Dinwiddie scored 29 points starting in place of Kyrie Irving, who missed his ninth straight with a right shoulder injury.

**Grizzlies 115, Timberwolves 97:** Dillon Brooks scored 26 points and Grayson Allen added 13 to push short-handed Memphis past host Minnesota.

Memphis was without star rookie Ja Morant because of back spasms and starting center James Valanciunas because of an illness.

**Raptors 130, Jazz 110:** Pascal Siakam scored 35 points, Fred VanVleet had 21 points and 11 assists and Toronto used a record-setting first half to rout visiting Utah.

Toronto led 77-37 for the biggest halftime lead in franchise history and in the NBA this season.

**Celtics 113, Knicks 104:** Jayson Tatum scored 30 points, Jaylen Brown added 28 and Boston beat host New York.

Julius Randle led the Knicks with 26 points. **Thunder 107, Pelicans 104:** Chris Paul scored seven of his 16 points in a late 12-0 run as visiting Oklahoma City beat New Orleans.

Jrue Holiday had 26 points for the Pelicans. **Pistons 132, Spurs 98:** Christian Wood scored a career-high 28 points to help Detroit rout visiting San Antonio.

**Magic 100, Warriors 96:** Evan Fournier tied his career high with 32 points and Terrence Ross added 19 points in host Orlando's victory over Golden State.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	15	4	.789	—
Boston	14	5	.737	1
Philadelphia	14	6	.700	1½
Brooklyn	10	10	.500	5½
New York	4	16	.200	11½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	5	.737	—
Orlando	8	11	.421	6
Charlotte	8	13	.381	7
Washington	7	13	.347	7½
Atlanta	4	16	.200	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	17	3	.850	—
Indiana	12	7	.632	4½
Detroit	7	13	.350	10
Chicago	6	14	.300	11
Cleveland	5	14	.263	11½

### Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	13	6	.684	—
Houston	7	14	.333	7
San Antonio	6	13	.316	7½
Memphis	6	13	.316	7½
New Orleans	5	14	.263	7½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	13	4	.765	—
Utah	12	8	.600	2½
Minnesota	10	5	.667	4
Oklahoma City	8	11	.421	6
Portland	8	12	.400	6½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	17	3	.850	—
L.A. Clippers	15	6	.714	2½
Phoenix	8	10	.444	8
Sacramento	8	10	.444	8
Golden State	4	17	.190	13½

### Saturday's games

Sacramento 100, Denver 97, OT  
Philadelphia 119, Indiana 116  
Toronto 130, Utah 111

### Sunday's games

Milwaukee 137, Charlotte 96  
Miami 109, Brooklyn 106  
Boston 113, New York 104  
New Orleans 115, Minnesota 107  
Dallas 114, L.A. Lakers 100  
Toronto 132, San Antonio 98  
Oklahoma City 107, New Orleans 104  
Orlando 100, Golden State 96  
Portland 130, Utah 111  
L.A. Clippers 150, Washington 125  
Phoenix at Charlotte  
New York at Philadelphia  
Golden State at Atlanta  
Indiana at Memphis  
Detroit at Washington  
Chicago at Sacramento

### Monday's games

Detroit at Cleveland  
Dallas at Washington  
Dallas at New Orleans  
Miami at Toronto  
Houston at San Antonio  
L.A. Lakers at Denver  
Portland at L.A. Clippers

### Wednesday's games

Golden State at Charlotte  
Milwaukee at Detroit  
Phoenix at Orlando  
Brooklyn at Atlanta  
Indiana at Oklahoma City  
Memphis at Chicago  
Washington at Dallas  
L.A. Lakers at Utah  
Sacramento at Portland

### Leaders

	Scoring				
	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Harden, HOU	19	204	237	739	38.9
Antetokounmpo, MIL	20	230	130	618	30.9
Doncic, DAL	19	187	148	581	30.6
Young, ATL	19	176	123	540	28.4
Beal, WAS	18	177	101	504	28.0
Lillard, POR	15	153	127	492	27.3
Davis, LAL	19	172	130	496	26.1
Towns, MIN	17	149	79	441	25.9
Leonard, LAC	15	141	83	389	25.9
James, LAL	20	198	77	513	25.6
Siakam, TOR	18	183	73	467	25.6
Ingram, NOP	16	148	74	408	25.5
Mitchell, UTA	20	181	88	497	24.8
Wiggins, MIN	16	151	59	397	24.8
Booker, PHX	18	158	86	441	24.5

### Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Drummond, DET	20	93	248	341	17.0
Carroll, HOU	15	94	164	220	14.7
Robert, UTA	18	59	189	248	13.8
Antetokounmpo, MIL	20	54	137	191	9.6
Sabonis, IND	17	63	158	221	13.0
Tow, MIN	17	44	169	213	12.5
Whiteside, POR	16	62	149	211	12.4
Embiid, PHI	16	64	154	197	12.3
Vucevic, CHI	14	41	121	162	11.6
Love, CLE	16	16	162	178	11.1

### Assists

	G	AST	AVG
James, LAL	20	21	10.8
Ponics, DAL	19	183	9.6
Simmons, PHI	18	151	8.4
Young, ATL	19	159	8.4
Brogdon, IND	16	127	7.9
Curry, GSW	19	126	6.6
Harden, HOU	19	149	7.8
VanVleet, TOR	19	112	5.9
Foxx, MIN	19	112	5.9
Graham, CHA	21	156	7.4

### Calendar

Feb. 6 — Trade deadline (3 p.m. EST)  
Feb. 14-16 — All-Star weekend, Chicago  
April 15 — Regular season ends.  
April 18 — Drafts begin.  
May 19 — NBA lottery, Chicago.  
May 21-24 — Playoffs continue.  
June 4 — NBA Finals begin.

## NHL/COLLEGE FOOTBALL



WINSLOW TOWNSEND/AP

The Bruins' David Pastrnak goes around Canadiens defenseman Shea Weber during the second period on Sunday in Boston.

## Roundup

## Backes, Pastrnak lead Bruins past Canadiens

Associated Press

BOSTON — David Backes scored the deciding goal in his first game in nearly a month, David Pastrnak added his league-leading 25th goal, and the Boston Bruins won their seventh straight game, beating the Montreal Canadiens 3-1 Sunday night.

Backes' first goal of the season came off a feed from David Krejci through the right circle, with 9:31 remaining in the third period.

Backes was in the lineup for the first time since being injured during a scary collision with Ottawa's Scott Sabourin on Nov. 2.

"You could see [the emotion] on my face. That was elation," Backes said. "I've been watching this team do this for a month, and now it's great to be part of it."

Tuukka Rask made 28 saves for the Bruins.

Boston extended its point streak to 11 games (8-0-3) and entered the third month of the season as the only team without a home regulation loss (11-0-4).

Joel Amir scored, and Carey Price had 31 saves for Montreal. The Canadiens extended their season-high losing streak to eight (0-3-3).

Wild 3, Stars 2 (50): Mikko

Koivu scored the shootout winner in his 1,000th career game and reached 7,000th career points with a second-period assist in Minnesota's win over Dallas.

Koivu, playing his 15th season with the Wild, beat Ben Bishop with his trademark move, a backhand over the goalie's left shoulder. Then Alex Stalock, who made 26 saves, stuffed Corey Perry to seal the victory.

Kevin Fiala had a goal and an assist and Zach Parise also scored for the Wild. Both also scored in the first three rounds of the shootout, but Joe Pavelski and Tyler Seguin countered for Dallas.

Blake Comeau and John Klingberg scored for Dallas and Bishop stopped 27 shots. The Stars have lost three in a row after a 14-1 run.

**Oilers 3, Canucks 2:** Leon Draisaitl scored two power-play goals and visiting Edmonton snapped a two-game losing streak.

Josh Archibald also scored for the Oilers (17-9-3). Connor McDavid and Alex Chiasson each had two assists. Mikko Koskinen stopped 30 shots.

Josh Leivo and Brock Boeser scored the Canucks (13-11-4), who are 3-3-0 in their past six games.

## NHL scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

## Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	27	19	5	3	41	85	53
Florida	26	13	8	5	31	94	93
Toronto	28	13	11	4	30	93	92
Buffalo	27	12	10	5	29	78	82
Montreal	27	11	10	6	26	89	96
Tampa Bay	24	12	9	3	27	88	75
Ottawa	27	11	15	1	23	69	84
Detroit	29	7	19	3	17	62	115

## Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	28	19	4	5	43	104	83
N.Y. Islanders	24	17	5	2	36	91	59
Philadelphia	27	15	7	5	35	85	78
Carolina	27	10	7	10	33	88	75
Pittsburgh	27	14	9	4	32	93	83
N.Y. Rangers	25	13	10	2	29	83	83
Columbus	26	11	11	4	26	66	80
New Jersey	25	9	12	4	22	65	90

## Western Conference

## Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	28	17	5	6	40	86	75
Colorado	26	16	8	2	34	97	75
Winnipeg	27	15	10	2	33	77	78
Dallas	28	15	10	3	33	75	68
Nashville	26	12	10	4	28	87	85
Minnesota	27	12	11	4	28	79	86
Chicago	26	10	11	5	25	74	81

## Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	29	17	9	3	37	91	84
Arizona	28	15	9	4	34	78	67
San Jose	28	15	12	1	31	82	91
Vancouver	28	13	11	4	30	92	84
Vegas	28	13	10	5	30	83	81
Calgary	29	13	12	4	30	73	86
Anaheim	27	11	12	4	26	71	82
Los Angeles	27	11	14	2	24	70	89

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime or shootout loss, three points for each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

## Saturday's games

N.Y. Rangers 4, New Jersey 0

Montreal 3, OT, Washington 5, Detroit 2

Calgary 3, Tampa Bay 2

N.Y. Islanders 2, Columbus 0

Toronto 2, Buffalo 1, OT

Florida 3, Nashville 0

San Jose 4, Arizona 2

St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 2

Colorado 2, Chicago 2

Vancouver 5, Edmonton 2

Los Angeles 2, Winnipeg 1

Edmonton 3, Vancouver 2

Monday's games

Vegas at N.Y. Rangers

New Jersey at Buffalo

N.Y. Islanders at Detroit

St. Louis at Chicago

Los Angeles at Anaheim

Tuesday's games

N.Y. Islanders at Montreal

Carolina at Boston

Minnesota at Florida

Arizona at Columbus

Vegas at New Jersey

Toronto at Philadelphia

Tampa Bay at Nashville

Dallas at Winnipeg

Ottawa at Vancouver

Washington at San Jose

Wednesday's games

Colorado at Toronto

St. Louis at Pittsburgh

Ottawa at Edmonton

Washington at Los Angeles

## Calendar

Dec. 9-10 — Bush 41 Governors meeting, Pebble Beach, Calif.

Dec. 12 — U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame induction, Washington

Dec. 19-27 — Holiday roster freeze, Dec. 26-31 — Holiday break

Dec. 26-Jan. 5 — World Junior Championship, Ostrava and Trinec, Czech Republic

Jan. 1 — Winter Classic, Nashville at Dallas, College Hockey

Jan. 26 — All-Star Game, St. Louis

April 4 — Regular season ends

## Luke fired after 3 years at Ole Miss

By RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

Mississippi fired football coach Matt Luke on Sunday, three days after his third non-winning season ended with an excruciating rivalry game loss.

Athletic director Keith Carter said in a statement the decision to change coaches was made after evaluating the trajectory of the program and not seeing see enough "momentum on the field."

"While improvements were evident in certain aspects of the program, we are judged ultimately by our record, and, unfortunately, we did not meet the standard of success that we expect from our program," Carter said.

Luke, a former Ole Miss offensive lineman and assistant coach, was elevated to interim head coach about two weeks before preseason practice started in 2017 when Mississippi fired Hugh Freeze.

Luke guided the Rebels, who were already banned from the postseason by the NCAA, to a 6-6 record that helped him land a four-year deal through 2021. With the program facing another bowl ban in 2018 and other NCAA sanctions, Luke and the Rebels went 5-7.

Ole Miss finished this season 4-8 overall and 2-6 in the Southeastern Conference, including a 21-20 loss on Thanksgiving night to Mississippi State. Ole Miss receiver Elijah Moore scored a potential tying touchdown with seconds left in the Egg Bowl, but was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct after he pretended to urinate in the end zone like a dog.

The Rebels' kicker then missed an extra point that was 15 yards longer than the usual distance because of the penalty.

The 43-year-old Luke is the third SEC to be fired this season, joining Arkansas' Chad Morris and Missouri's Barry Odom, and the fourth head coach since the conference to lose his job Sunday.

Also, let go were Steve Addazio at Boston College, Charlie Strong at South Florida and Frank Wilson at UTSA.

USF made the move two days after finishing a 4-8 season with a blowout loss to rival UCF. That left Strong 21-16 overall but 4-14 since starting the 2018 season with seven straight victories.

The former Texas and Louisville coach was hired by USF to replace Willie Taggart after the 2016 season. Strong led the Bulls to a 10-2 record in that first year in Tampa behind star quarterback Quinton Flowers. After starting 7-0 in 2018, the Bulls ended the season with six straight losses, and this season has been filled with lopsided losses.

The 59-year-old Strong, who was a longtime defensive coordinator in the Southeastern Conference with plenty of recruiting ties to the state of Florida, is a 7-53 overall in 10 seasons as a head coach.

Boston College turned to assistant and former Eagles receiver Rich Gunnell as interim coach Monday while it looks for a permanent successor to Addazio.

Meanwhile, Greg Schiano is going back to Rutgers.

Athletic director Pat Hobbs announced Sunday the university and Schiano have reached a contract agreement, a week after talks to bring back the 53-year-old former Scarlet Knights head coach fell apart.

"The next great chapter for Rutgers Football is about to begin," Hobbs said in a statement.

The contract must be approved by the schools' board of governors. It is scheduled to meet Tuesday to discuss the hiring.

Schiano, a New Jersey native, went 68-67 at Rutgers and turned the Scarlet Knights into consistent winners in the old Big East after years of being one of the worst major college football programs in the country. Success under Schiano helped Rutgers land an invite to the Big Ten, and it joined the lucrative Power Five conference in 2014.

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# COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MARCO GARCIA/AP

Kansas center Udoka Azubuike hangs on the rim after making a slam dunk over Dayton in overtime on Wednesday, in Lahaina, Hawaii. Azubuike had a career-high 29 points — including nine in OT — as the No. 4 Jayhawks defeated the Flyers in 90-84 for the Maui Invitational title.

## Big men Azubuike, Teske shine

Seniors give MVP performances for No. 4 Jayhawks, Wolverines

By AARON BEARD  
Associated Press

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas — Udoka Azubuike patrolled the paint with a dominating edge to help No. 4 Kansas win the Maui Invitational. Jon Teske offered a similar space-eating presence for Michigan during its unexpected title run in a loaded Battle 4 Atlantis.

The seniors showed the college basketball world not to overlook experienced big men amid all the attention on high-flying wings and sharp-shooting guards.

Entering Maui, one question about Kansas (6-1) was how well it could play with two big men on the court and Azubuike's effectiveness against quality opponents with his shooting range limited to within a few feet of the rim.

Yet the 7-foot, 270-pound senior, now not in foul trouble, often dominated.

The highlight came against Dayton in the championship game, where Azubuike had a career-high 29 points — nine in overtime — while making 12 of 15 shots to end up as Maui's co-most valuable player with point guard Devon Dotson.

In the Bahamas, the 7-foot-1, 265-pound Teske finished as MVP after the Wolverines (7-0) gave first-year coach Juwan Howard some early marquee wins and an expected spot in Monday's AP Top 25.

Teske used his sturdy frame to help negate the sixth-ranked North Carolina's typically relentless board work while also frustrating 6-10 freshman Armando Bacot into an ineffective performance by denying prime post position and forcing him to shoot over Teske's long arms.

Teske closed with 19 points and a career-best 15 rebounds against eighth-ranked Gonzaga. He also swatted four shots against both UNC and Gonzaga, and hit four threes during the tournament.

Here are some takeaways from the Thanksgiving-week holiday tournaments:

**Maui stars:** Dayton's Obi Toppin and Georgia's Anthony Edwards have everyone's attention after their Maui showings.

Toppin, a 6-9 redshirt sophomore, has developed into one of the nation's best power forwards with length, athleticism and the ability to match up with anyone by shooting over smaller defenders or pulling bigger ones out to the three-point arc. He had 18 points, nine rebounds and three blocks against



TONY DINE/AP

Michigan center Jon Teske was named MVP after leading the Wolverines' unexpected run to the Battle 4 Atlantis title in Paradise Island, Bahamas.

the Jayhawks in the title-game loss. He now ranks among the national leaders in scoring (23.0) and shooting percentage (.697, 53 of 76).

As for Edwards, the 6-5, 225-pound freshman proved he can take over a game regardless of the opponent. The high NBA lottery prospect had a remarkable 33 of his 37 points after halftime in a loss to third-ranked Michigan State, including hitting 7 of 13 3s — several with a defender right on him — to frequently leave people in the intimate Lahaina Civic Center shaking their heads in disbelief.

**Maryland's defense:** Fifth-ranked Maryland can trust its defense.

The Terrapins won the Orlando Invitational by slowing high-scoring Markus Howard of Marquette, holding the national scoring leader to six points on 1-for-12 shooting Sunday. That came after Howard went for a tournament-record 40 points in the first-round win against Davidson, then 51 points against Southern California.

"A kid coming off 51, didn't really need a pregame speech," Maryland coach Mark Turgeon said. "I knew our guys were going to be locked in today."

## Howard, Michigan in a groove ahead of big game with Louisville

By TIM REYNOLDS  
Associated Press

MIAMI — Juwan Howard breaks out the Cabbage Patch dance only for special occasions.

He did it when he finally became an NBA champion player with the Miami Heat in 2012. He did it again the next year, when the Heat won another title and he was transitioning to a coaching life. Heat players like Dwyane Wade were known for doing it at times in tribute to him.

And he did the dance — fists clenched, arms out in front of him, swinging in a circular motion, just as he did in 1992 when Michigan beat Ohio State to get to the Final Four — again last week when Michigan won the Battle 4 Atlantis.

"Isn't that just awesome?" Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said, smiling broadly.

Howard as the Wolverines off to a 7-0 start in his first season as coach at the school where he played. They're set to crack the AP Top 25 when the new poll is released Monday. And what has already been a big week is about to get even bigger: the Wolverines are following up their title run in the Bahamas with a visit Tuesday to second-ranked Louisville; the Cardinals could be sitting at No. 1 by tipoff.

"So happy for this dude," Wade tweeted after Michigan won the Bahamas title.

There's a whole slew of new Michigan fans inside the building the Heat call home. They've been watching the Wolverines whenever they can, and seeing Howard celebrate was cause for Spoelstra to celebrate as well.

"I know he's dynamic as a human being and it's his calling to be a mentor," Spoelstra said. "So to me, it seemed like a perfect fit. He has a passion that just screams out of him for Michigan basketball. It's real. It's genuine. He's following a legend. It's not easy to do. But he's a legend on campus and it's super-unique."

So far, Howard and a new staff

that includes former longtime St. Joseph's head coach Phil Martelli have made just about every right call in his return to the program where he was part of the celebrated "Fab Five" recruiting class that led Michigan to two straight national-title games a quarter-century ago.

Howard took over when John Beilein left for the NBA a season after guiding the Wolverines to the national-title game. He inherited a team that lost top scorers Charles Matthews, Jordan Poole and Ignas Brazdeikis, but hasn't missed a beat.

"I've never been a guy that's always been about me-me-me, 1-1-1," Howard said. "But I've also instilled that in our players, that we have to make each other better."

Both Livers and Teske praised Howard's approach. The 7-foot-1 Teske crediting Howard's tips for preparing him to play well against strong front lines for UNC and Gonzaga.

"He's kind of more of a players' coach where he understands the game," Livers said. "You can't play the game if you're being controlled the whole time."

Howard, 46, interviewed for multiple NBA jobs during his tenure as a Heat assistant. It was in a late-night interview strategy session last spring with Spoelstra — who had spent years professing that Howard was ready to become a head coach — when the Heat coach asked him about returning to the Wolverines.

"We were preparing for like his fourth NBA interview, and it just happened in conversation," Spoelstra said. "I said, 'What about the Michigan job? Isn't that open? Would you have an interest in that?' And his whole face just lit up."

Howard wound up getting his dream job. The Wolverines haven't lost since. And Howard is dancing again.

"The Cabbage Patch dance, though, that's full circle," Spoelstra said. "That was epic."



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

Michigan head coach Juwan Howard has the Wolverines set to crack the AP Top 25 when the new poll is released Monday after getting off to a 7-0 start in his first season as coach of his alma mater.



## NFL



FRANK VICTORES/AP

**Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton passes during the first half against the New York Jets on Sunday. Dalton returned after being benched for three games and led Cincinnati to its first win of the season.**

## Scoreboard

## American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	322	145
Buffalo	9	3	0	.750	257	188
N.Y. Jets	4	8	0	.333	204	284
Miami	3	9	0	.250	200	317
South						
Houston	8	4	0	.667	293	271
Tennessee	7	5	0	.583	276	234
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	261	257
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	220	292
North						
Baltimore	10	0	0	.833	406	219
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	236	225
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	246	272
Cincinnati	1	10	0	.083	179	298
West						
Kansas City	8	0	0	.667	348	265
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	327	324
Denver	4	8	0	.333	198	237
N.G. Chargers	3	7	0	.300	234	241

## National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	Pf	PA
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	310	236
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	274	284
Washington	3	9	0	.250	173	290
N.Y. Giants	2	10	0	.167	230	339
East						
New Orleans	10	0	0	.833	298	248
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	340	346
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	280	320
Atlanta	3	8	1	.292	280	323
North						
Green Bay	9	0	0	.750	289	205
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727	285	255
Chicago	6	6	0	.500	212	208
Detroit	3	8	1	.292	280	311
West						
San Francisco	10	0	0	.833	349	183
Seattle	9	2	0	.818	262	263
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	293	250
Arizona	3	8	1	.292	255	351
Y-cinched division						
Thursday's games						
Chicago 24, Detroit 20						
San Francisco 26, Atlanta 18						
Sunday's games						
Baltimore 20, San Francisco 17						
Green Bay 31, N.Y. Giants 13						
Tennessee 31, Indianapolis 17						
Pittsburgh 20, Cleveland 13						
Cincinnati 22, N.Y. Jets 6						
Tampa Bay 28, Jacksonville 11						
Atlanta 37, Philadelphia 31						
Washington 29, Carolina 21						
L.A. Rams 34, Arizona 10						
Kansas City 40, Oakland 9						
Denver 23, L.A. Chargers 20						
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay						
Monday's games						
Atlanta at Seattle						
Thursday, Dec. 5						
Dallas at Chicago						
Sunday, Dec. 8						
Washington at Green Bay						
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay						
San Francisco at New Orleans						
Atlanta at Atlanta						
Detroit at Minnesota						
Denver at Houston						
Baltimore at Buffalo						
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets						
Cincinnati at Cleveland						
L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville						
Pittsburgh at Arizona						
Tennessee at Oakland						
Kansas City at New England						
L.A. Rams						
Monday, Dec. 9						
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia						

## Dalton returns, leads Bengals to first win

CINCINNATI — Andy Dalton returned from his three-week exile and got a long-awaited win for the coach who benched him, throwing a touchdown pass during a victory over the Jets that ended the longest losing streak in Cincinnati history.

The Bengals had lost 13 in a row since the end of last season, leaving Zac Taylor to wait until December to get his first head coaching win. Taylor benched Dalton after the eighth loss, deciding to see whether Ryan Finley fit into the team's long-term plans.

With the rookie struggling and the season careening toward 0-16, Taylor reversed course and went back to Dalton, who made the difference in front of the smallest crowd in Paul Brown Stadium history. Carlos Dunlap and Sam Hubbard dinked Taylor with ice water in the final seconds.

## Bengals 22, Jets 6

N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	6
Cincinnati	7	10	5	0-22
N.Y.-FG Fickler 42, 9:08.				
Cin.—Boyd 17 pass from Dalton (Bull-o'clock), 1:12				
Second Quarter				
Cin.—FG Bullock 24, 9:13.				
Cin.—Mixon 5-yard pass from Dalton (Bull-o'clock), 1:46.				
N.Y.-FG Fickler 39, 3:04.				
Third Quarter				
Cin.—safety, 5:46.				
Cin.—FG Bullock 47, 11:15.				
A.—39,804.				

First downs	15	17
Total Net Yards	271	278
Rushes-yards	17-62	25-44
Passing	209	233
Turnovers	2	2
Kickoff Returns	2-32	3-50
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	28-156	22-130
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-30	1-10
Fumbles-Lost	6-0	5-6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Time of Possession	28:19	31:41

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—N.Y. Jets, Bell 10-32, Powell 4-14, Darnold 2-9, Montgomery 1-7, Cincinnati, Mixon 14-33, Dalton 3-23, 2-23, 1-1.

**RECEIVING**—N.Y. Jets, Ransford 7-101, Griffin 5-30, Bell 4-35, Thomas 3-23, Smith 2-23, Crowder 2-8, Powell 2-4.

**PASSING**—Cincinnati, Dalton 22-283, 1-1, Cincinnati, Dalton 22-283, 1-1, Cincinnati, Dalton 22-283, 1-1.

**MISSSED FIELD GOALS**—Cincinnati, Bullock 48.

## Broncos 23, Chargers 20

L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	10-20
Denver	3	17	3	0-23
First Quarter				
Den.—Sutton 26 pass from Lock (McManus kick), 4:33.				
Chargers' 3-pass from Lock (McManus kick), 1:16.				

**Second Quarter**  
 Den.—FG Bullock 20, 9:27.  
 LAC—Eisler 30 pass from Rivers (Badgley kick), 3:01.

**Fourth Quarter**  
 LAC—Kallen 36 pass from Rivers (Badgley kick), 12:18.  
 Den.—FG McManus 52, 4:26.  
 LAC—FG Badgley 46, 1:14.  
 Den.—FG McManus 53, 0:00.  
 A.—74,638.

First downs	17	13
Total Net Yards	299	218
Rushes-yards	29-115	25-84
Passing	244	134
Turnovers	0	0
Kickoff Returns	0-0	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-56
Penalties-Yards	20-291	18-281
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-21	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Time of Possession	32:09	27:51

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—L.A. Chargers, Gordon 20-99, Ecker 9-16, Denver, Lindsay 17-58, Lock 3-15, Freeman 1-11.

**PASSING**—L.A. Chargers, Rivers 20-126, Denver, Lock 18-291, 1-1.

**RECEIVING**—L.A. Chargers, Allen 6-68, Williams 5-17, Ecker 4-51, Gordon 2-11, Henry 2-10, Patton 1-8, Denver, Sutton 4-74, Freeman 4-13, Heuerman 3-15, Lindsay 2-4, Hamilton 2-12, Beck 1-11, Fant 1-5.

**MISSSED FIELD GOALS**—L.A. Chargers, Badgley 55.

## Backup Hodges leads Steelers past Browns

PITTSBURGH — No fighting. No helmet swinging. Barely any trash talking.

The Steelers and Browns kept things civil in their highly anticipated rematch, which ended the way they always seem to end at Heinz Field: the Steelers walking off in triumph.

Devlin "Duck" Hodges threw for 212 yards with a touchdown and an interception in his second career start, and the banged-up Steelers exacted revenge for their whipping at the hands of the Browns two weeks ago.

Pittsburgh boosted its postseason chances by rallying from 10 points down thanks in large part to Hodges, a rookie undrafted free agent. He was aided by the emergence of James Washington, who caught four passes for 111 yards and a juggling 30-yard score late in the first half.

## Steelers 20, Browns 13

Cleveland	3	7	0	3-13
Pittsburgh	0	10	7	3-20
First Quarter				
Cle.—FG Seibert 31, 7:31.				
Second Quarter				
Cle.—Hunt 15 pass from Mayfield (Seibert kick), 7:40.				
Pit.—FG Seibert 39, 2:56.				
Pit.—Washington 30 pass from Hodges (Brock kick), 1:09.				
Third Quarter				
Pit.—Snell 17 (Seibert kick), 10:36.				
Fourth Quarter				
Pit.—FG Boswell 29, 13:48.				
Cle.—FG Seibert 34, 7:30.				
A.—62,157.				

	Cle	Pit
First downs	19	18
Total Net Yards	279	323
Rushes-yards	24-106	32-124
Passing	173	199
Punt Returns	1-5	2-14
Kickoff Returns	3-36	3-72
Interceptions Ret.	1-28	1-16
Comp-Att-Int	18-34-1	14-21-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-23	4-13
Punts	4-45.3	4-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	5-24	10-65

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—Cleveland, Hubbard 16-58, Hunt 5-36, Beckwith 3-29, Harris 2-28, Harris 1-23, Johnson 1-17, White 3-6, Samuels 5-2.

**PASSING**—Cleveland, Mayfield 18-32-1, 1-96, Gilbert 0-2-0-0, Pittsburgh, Hodges 14-21-12.

**RECEIVING**—Cleveland, Landry 6-76, Hunt 5-36, Beckwith 3-29, Harris 2-28, Harris 1-23, Johnson 1-17, White 3-6, Samuels 5-2.

**MISSSED FIELD GOALS**—Pittsburgh, Hodges 14-21-12.

## Peek: Ravens prevail in evenly-matched contest

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thrive by running, that San Francisco is loaded with playmakers on both side of the ball and that watching John Harbaugh and Kyle Shanahan match wits makes for good theater.

And then there's this: These clubs are both good and evenly matched. It took Justin Tucker's 49-yard field goal on the final play to determine the outcome.

"Hopefully," 49ers coach Shanahan said, "we can earn an opportunity to maybe get a chance to play them some other time."

Jackson ran for one TD and also threw for one for Baltimore, which has won its past eight games and took over as the AFC's No. 1 seed when the New England Patriots lost at night to the Houston Texans 28-22.

The Heisman Trophy winner at Louisville gained 101 yards on the ground, making him the first quarterback in NFL history to rush for at least 100 in four games during one season; the Ravens are 12-0 when he tops 70 in his nascent career.

Jackson also pulled off yet another juke that left a defender, this time K'Waun Williams, tumbling to the turf.

Only two teams, both way back in the 1970s, have run for more yards through 12 games than Baltimore has.

We left another statement out there on the field," Ravens receiver Willie Snead said, "that we were for real."

## Bucs turn Foles' TDs into TDs, beat Jags

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Nick Foles, Doug Marrone and the Jaguars reached a new low in their first game in more than a month.

Foles ended his first three drives with turnovers that Tampa Bay turned into touchdowns, costly mistakes that propelled the Buccaneers to an easy victory.

Rookie linebacker Devin White intercepted a pass on Jacksonville's opening drive, and Peyton Barber scored his first of two touchdowns.

On Jacksonville's next possession, Shaq Barrett stripped Foles. White scooped up the fumble and ran 14 yards for a score.

It was Jacksonville's fourth consecutive loss by at least 17 points and could mean the end of Marrone's tenure with the team.

## Buccaners 28, Jaguars 11

Tampa Bay	15	0	0	3-28
Jacksonville	0	0	0	8-11
First Quarter				
TB—Barber 15 run (gay kick), 2:49.				
TB—White 14 fumble return (Barber run), 2:39.				
Second Quarter				
TB—Barber 1 run (gay kick), 7:58.				
TB—FG Gay 25, 5:07.				
Third Quarter				
Jac.—FG Lombo 53, 5:46.				
Fourth Quarter				
Jac.—Westbrook 3 pass from Minshew (Westbrook pass from Minshew), 13:37.				
TB—FG Gay 37, 2:19.				
A.—62,633.				

	TB	Jac
First downs	19	14
Total Net Yards	315	242
Rushes-yards	31-74	17-49
Passing	241	193
Punt Returns	2-18	2-48
Kickoff Returns	0-0	1-25
Interceptions Ret.	2-9	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	21-33-0	23-41-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-27	5-47
Punts	4-48.3	4-45.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-44	16-125

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING**—Tampa Bay, Barber 17-44, Winston 2-20, R.Jones 6-50, Gordon 4-50, Ogunbowale 1-0, Jacksonville, Fournette 14-38, Minshew 2-8, Foles 1-2.

**PASSING**—Tampa Bay, Winston 21-33, Minshew 16-27-1, 147.

**RECEIVING**—Tampa Bay, Perriman 5-87, Howard 5-61, Gordon 4-50, Ogunbowale 2-12, Brate 1-5, Jacksonville, Fournette 9-53, Westbrook 5-60, Conley 4-52, Clark 2-47, Foles 1-11, Walker 1-6, O'Leary 1-6.

**MISSSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

So did the 49ers, who are 10-2, just like the Ravens.

They can run, just like the Ravens, with Raheem Mostert carrying 19 times for 146 yards, including a TD that went 40. And they can play defense, just like the Ravens.

"God willing, we make it to the end," San Francisco's DeForest Buckner said, "hopefully we go against them again."

Fans might be thinking the same. Here are other top topics after the NFL's 13th Sunday:

**Can I catch it? Yes, you can:** The play of the day — maybe of the season — belonged to the Miami Dolphins and Jason Sanders, the league's first kicker to catch a TD pass in 42 years. In the second quarter of Miami's 37-31 win over the imploding Philadelphia Eagles, the Dolphins sent out their field goal unit for a play at the 1 but lined up in a bizarre-looking formation: five men, including Sanders, split wide left, and four men way off to the right. Matt Haack — a punter by trade, and holder on kicks — took the snap and flipped the ball to a wide-open Sanders in the end zone.

**No O-fer:** So Zac Taylor and the Cincinnati Bengals no longer have to worry about joining the Cleveland Browns and Detroit Lions as the only outfits to go 0-16. With Andy Dalton back on his benching, the Bengals managed to get to 1-11 by beating the New York Jets 22-6.

# NFL

## Bag of tricks helps Dolphins upset Eagles

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — DeVante Parker made two acrobatic touchdown receptions and kicker Jason Sanders also had a circus-like scoring catch to help the Dolphins rally past the slumping Eagles.

Miami overcame a 14-point deficit in the second half with three touchdowns in less than 13 minutes — a remarkable achievement for one of the NFL's lowest-scoring teams.

The Dolphins (3-9) won for the third time in their past five games, a surprising and perhaps costly turnaround for a team that will be shopping for a franchise quarterback in the 2020 draft.

The Eagles (5-7) lost their third game in a row and missed a chance to pull into a tie with Dallas atop the NFC East.

Trickery helped the Dolphins, who twice opted not to kick on fourth down and instead threw for a touchdown. The second such gamble by rookie coach Brian Flores paid off when Miami shifted out of field goal formation before holder Matt Haack threw a 1-yard pass to Sanders.

Parker did much of the rest. He finished with seven receptions for a career-high 159 yards and two scores, both on leaping grabs.

Parker jumped again to make a 34-yard catch that set up the score that put the Dolphins ahead to stay with 11 minutes left.

Right end Mike Gesicki also got into the act with a leaping 14-yard touchdown catch. Ryan Fitzpatrick's surehanded targets helped him finish 27-for-39 for 365 yards and three touchdowns as Miami achieved season highs in points and yards (408).

Wentz threw for three touchdowns to help build a 28-14 lead, but the Eagles were kept out of the end zone over the final 26 minutes.

## Dolphins 37, Eagles 31

10 11 7 3-31  
Miami 7 12 11-37

**First Quarter**

Phil-M.Sanders 15 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 13:54.

Phil-FG Elliott 48, 10:10.

Mia-D.Parker 43 pass from Fitzpatrick (Sanders kick), 5:05.

**Second Quarter**

Phil-FG Elliott 43, 11:44.

Mia-J.Sanders 1 pass from Haack (D.Sanders kick), 8:40.

Phil-Archie Whitehead 15 pass from Wentz (Agholor pass block from Wentz), 6:06.

**Third Quarter**

Phil-Jeffrey 10 pass from Wentz (Elliott kick), 11:04.

Mia-D.Parker 17 pass from Fitzpatrick (kick failed), 8:45.

Mia-Gesicki 14 pass from Fitzpatrick (pass failed), 1:10.

**Fourth Quarter**

Mia-Laird 1 run (Laird pass from Fitzpatrick), 11:42.

Mia-FG J.Sanders 51, 3:37.

Phil-FG Elliott 37, 1:51.

**Individual Statistics**

**RUSHING**—Miami: J. Sanders 17, 83; Ajayi 2-9; Miami, Fitzpatrick 2-31; Gaskins 3-14; Laird 10-5; Fitzpatrick 2-31; Baskette 3-0.

**PASSING**—Philadelphia, Wentz 28-40, 365; Miami, Fitzpatrick 27-39, 1,065.

**HAACK** 1-0-1.

**RECEIVING**—Philadelphia, Jeffrey 9-137; Goedert 6-66; Sanders 5-112; Agholor 3-24; Arcega-Whitfield 1-15.

**WARR** 2-24; Miami, D.Parker 10-159; Gesicki 5-79; J.Sanders 3-37; Laird 4-43; Hurns 3-33.

**MIAMI** 3-22; Philadelphia, Wentz 1-1.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Philadelphia, Elliott 43.



Giants quarterback Daniel Jones is sacked by Packers defenders in the snow during the second half on Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

## Guice, Redskins hold on to beat Panthers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Derrius Guice ran for 129 yards and two touchdowns and the Redskins made a late goal-line stand to hold off the Panthers for their second straight victory.

Adrian Peterson added 99 yards and a score as Washington (3-9) piled up 248 yards on the ground and scored its most points this season.

The Panthers' (5-7) fourth straight loss could put coach Ron Rivera's job in jeopardy.

The Redskins spotted the Panthers a 14-0 lead after quarterback Kyle Allen opened the game with 8-passing for 106 yards, touchdown passes to wide receivers Curtis Samuel and D.J. Moore on Carolina's first two possessions.

## Redskins 29, Panthers 17

Washington 14 0 0 14-29  
Carolina 7 10 0 7-21

**First Quarter**

Car-Samuel 14 pass from K.Allen (Slye kick), 10:39.

Car-Moore 13 pass from K.Allen (Slye kick), 5:18.

**Second Quarter**

Was-FG Hopkins 25, 3:09.

Was-Guice 1 run (pass failed), 4:33.

**Third Quarter**

Was-FG Hopkins 42, 11:16.

Was-Guice 1 run (Hopkins kick), 9:09.

**Fourth Quarter**

Was-Guice 1 run (Hopkins kick), 9:09.

Car-K.Allen 17 run (Slye kick), 1:51.

**Individual Statistics**

**RUSHING**—Redskins, Guice 10-129; Peterson 13-99; Thompson 3-14; Haskins 4-46; Carolina, McCaffrey 14-44; Allen 4-22; Armah 1-2; Moore 1- (minus 3).

**PASSING**—Washington, Hopkins 13-25-0; Carolina, Allen 27-46-1.

**RECEIVING**—Washington, Harmon 3-51; Allen 2-29; Spring 2-16; Guice 2-6; McLaurin 2-8; Thompson 1-15.

**Carolina**, McCaffrey 7-58; Moore 6-75; Samuel 4-65; Thomas 4-24; Wright 3-24; Olsen 2-22.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Washington, Hopkins 49.

## Rodgers throws 4 TDs, Packers beat Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdown passes in the snow and Green Bay rebounded from a dismal West Coast performance to beat New York.

The Packers sent the Giants to their eighth straight loss, their worst skid since 2004.

Rodgers finished 21-for-33 for 243 yards with no interceptions on a slippery, snowy day at MetLife Stadium. Rodgers hit Davante Adams on touchdown passes of 8 and 17 yards, found a wide-open Allen Lazard for 37 yards and capped the performance with a 1-yarder to Marcedes Lewis.

The Packers (9-3) also intercepted Giants rookie Daniel Jones three times, with the picks setting up 10 points.

## Packers 31, Giants 13

Green Bay 14 3 0 14-31  
N.Y. Giants 7 3 0 7-13

**First Quarter**

GB-D.Adams 8 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 8:48.

NYG-Shepard 18 pass from D.Jones (Rossa kick), 3:16.

**Second Quarter**

GB-D.Adams 17 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 11:15.

**Third Quarter**

NYG-FG Rossa 45, 6:37.

**Fourth Quarter**

GB-D.Adams 17 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 14:22.

GB-Lewis 1 pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick), 7:05.

**Individual Statistics**

**RUSHING**—Green Bay, Williams 10-41; Rodgers 3-24; Jones 1-18; Boyle 2- (minus 4); N.Y. Giants, Barkley 19-83; Jones 5-6; Allen 1-4; Penny 2-2.

**PASSING**—Green Bay, Rodgers 21-33-0; N.Y. Giants, Smith 6-70; Clayton 4-43; Shepard 3-40; Barkley 3-32; Latimer 1-43; Scott 1-1.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—None.

## Goff throws for 424 yards, Rams rout Cards

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Jared Goff threw for 424 yards and two touchdowns, Robert Woods had 172 yards receiving and Los Angeles cruised past Arizona.

The Rams (7-5) bounced back from an embarrassing 45-6 loss to the Baltimore Ravens on Monday night by embarrassing the Cardinals and stayed in the hunt for a playoff berth.

Goff methodically picked apart the Cardinals defense, which was the NFL's worst against the pass coming into the game. He had thrown no touchdowns passes and five interceptions in his previous three games, but responded with 323 yards passing in the first half as the Rams built a 20-0 lead.

Woods finished with a game-high 13 catches.

## Rams 34, Cardinals 7

LA Rams 3 17 14 0-34  
Arizona 0 0 0 0-7

**First Quarter**

LAR-FG Zuerlein 27, 9:56.

**Second Quarter**

LAR-Higbee 2 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 14:17.

LAR-Survey 1 run (Zuerlein kick), 2:41.

**Third Quarter**

LAR-Kupp 10 pass from Goff (Zuerlein kick), 8:44.

LAR-Rapp 31 interception return (Zuerlein kick), 8:28.

**Fourth Quarter**

Arl-K.Murray 15 run (Gonzalez kick), 8:35.

**Individual Statistics**

**RUSHING**—LA Rams, Gurley 19-95; Brown 6-30; Henderson 4-17; Bortles 1- (minus 10); Arizona, Drake 13-31.

K.Murray 4-28; D.Johnson 4-15.

**PASSING**—LA Rams, Goff 32-43-0-424; Bortles 1-2-0-3; Arizona, K.Murray 19-34-1-163.

**RECEIVING**—LA Rams, Woods 13-172; Humphries 10-107; Kupp 10-106; Lazard 3-39; Cooks 2-24; Gurley 1-20; Arizona, Fitzgerald 6-56; Cooper 4-26; Kirk 3-23; Clay 2-9; Drake 2-20; Johnson 2-9.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—LA Rams, Zuerlein 41.

## Blocked FG helps Titans turn tables on Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — Tye Smith returned a blocked field goal 63 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 5:02 left to play, helping Tennessee turn the tables at Indianapolis.

The Titans (7-5) snapped a three-game losing streak in the series, winning for only the third time in the past 17 meetings. It also allowed Tennessee to leapfrog the Colts in the AFC South.

Adam Vinatieri missed three field goals for Indy (6-6), with two being blocked including the decisive kick that Dane Cruikshank got his hand on.

Jacoby Brissett was picked off twice, the second resulting in Ryan Tannehill's 40-yard TD pass to Kalif Raymond with 3:02 left that sealed the victory.

## Titans 31, Colts 17

Tennessee 7 0 10 14-31  
Indianapolis 7 7 7 0-17

**First Quarter**

Ind-Doyle 21 pass from Brissett (Vinatieri kick), 11:03.

Ten-Humphries 13 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 5:02.

**Second Quarter**

Ind-FG Vinatieri 28, 6:07.

**Third Quarter**

Ind-Hines 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 10:23.

Ten-Henry 13 run (Succop kick), 5:52.

**Fourth Quarter**

Ten-TSmith 63 blocked field goal return (Succop kick), 5:02.

Ten-Raymond 40 pass from Tannehill (Succop kick), 3:02.

**Individual Statistics**

**RUSHING**—Tennessee, Henry 26-149; Tannehill 4-45; Indianapolis, Wilkins 11-47; Hines 4-22; Williams 8-14; Brissett 1- (minus 1).

**PASSING**—Tennessee, Tannehill 17-22-0-162; Indianapolis, Brissett 28-40-2-319.

**RECEIVING**—Tennessee, A.Brown 3-45; Fitzgerald 10-107; Kupp 10-106; Lazard 3-39; Smith 2-9; Raymond 1-40; C.Javis 1-23; Humphries 10-107; Hines 1-13; Williams 1-11.

**MISSED FIELD GOALS**—Indianapolis, Vinatieri 55; Vinatieri 53; Vinatieri 46.

## NFL

# Ravens defeat Niners

## Baltimore wins for 8th straight week

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Neither rain, wind nor the San Francisco 49ers' top-ranked defense could prevent Lamar Jackson from guiding the Baltimore Ravens to their franchise-record eighth straight win.

Jackson weathered miserable conditions to run for 101 yards and Justin Tucker kicked a tie-breaking 49-yard field goal as time expired to give the Ravens a 20-17 victory Sunday in a possible Super Bowl preview.

The combination of driving rain, a stiff wind and San Francisco's rugged defense was difficult for Jackson to handle. He completed only 14 of 23 passes for 105 yards and had a fumble.

Asked afterward to describe the weather, Jackson bowed his head lightly and slowly and peeked over the podium to declare, "Horrible."

Certainly, not the kind of weather that benefitted the passing game.

"Oh, man. I was throwing passes behind my receivers. It was ticking me off," Jackson said. "The weather, it messed with me a lot."

But the double-threat quarterback was solid when it counted.



GAIL BURTON/AP

**San Francisco quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is tackled by Ravens free safety Earl Thomas on Sunday in Baltimore.**

### Ravens 20, 49ers 17

San Francisco	7	7	3	0-17
Baltimore	7	10	0	3-20

**First Quarter**  
SF—Samuel 33 pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick), 11:53.

Bal—Andrews 2 pass from Lackson (Tucker kick), 5:41.

**Second Quarter**  
Bal—Lackson 1 run (Tucker kick), 11:58.

SF—Mostert 40 run (Gould kick), 9:12.

Bal—FG Tucker 30, 1:58.

**Third Quarter**  
SF—FG Gould 32, 3:57.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Bal—FG Tucker 49, 3:00.

A—71,029.

**Penalties—Yards**  
SF—15 21  
Bal—38 178

**Individual Statistics**  
Rushing—San Francisco, Mostert 19-146, Samuel 1-20, Coleman 5-6, Garoppolo 3-5, Kittle 1-(minus 3), Baltimore, Lackson 16-101, Ingram 15-59, Edwards 6-15.

**Passing—San Francisco, Garoppolo 15-21-0-165. Baltimore, Lackson 14-23-0-105.**

**Receiving—San Francisco, Sanders 4-41, Bourne 3-42, Samuel 2-41, Kittle 2-17, Mostert 2-8, Coleman 1-9, Wilson 1-7. Baltimore, Andrews 3-50, Hurns 3-21, Ingram 2-3, Snead 1-12, Edwards 1-7, Roberts 1-5, Boyle 1-4, Ricard 1-2, M.Brown 1-1.**

**MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.**

# Chiefs blast Raiders to seize AFC West control

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Patrick Mahomes looked up at the scoreboard late in the third quarter and was stunned to see the Kansas City Chiefs had taken a 31-0 lead over the AFC West rival Oakland Raiders.

"I felt like we'd only scored a couple of times," he said.

That's because the Chiefs' high-powered offense didn't need to do a whole lot Sunday.

Their defense and the inept Raiders took care of the rest.

Mahomes did throw for a touchdown and run for a touchdown, but it was Juan Thornhill's pick-6 and a long list of blunders by Derek Carr and Co. that really made the difference.

They allowed Kansas City to cruise to a 40-9 victory and into a two-game lead over the Raiders in the division race.

"That's what we expected all season long, and you've seen it every week they the defense getting better," Mahomes said, "and the

offense just played in the flow of the game. We've been in every type of game so far and we've been finding ways to win them."

LeSean McCoy and Darwin Thompson also had TD runs for the Chiefs (8-4), who can clinch a fourth straight division title with a win over New England and an Oakland loss to Tennessee next weekend.

Oakland (6-6) sure didn't play like a team fighting for a piece of the division lead.

Carr dropped to 0-6 at Arrowhead Stadium with another miserable outing, throwing for 222 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

It was the Raiders' seventh straight loss in Kansas City, and the continuation of a major late-season spiral. The blowout came on the heels of a 34-3 loss to the Jets last weekend.

Josh Jacobs was Oakland's lone bright spot, running for 104 yards on 17 carries.

### Chiefs 40, Raiders 9

Oakland	0	0	0	9-9
Kansas City	7	14	10	9-40

**First Quarter**  
KC—DarWilliams 3 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 7:26.

**Second Quarter**  
KC—Mahomes 13 run (Butker kick), 6:28.

KC—Thornhill 46 interception return (Butker kick), 3:42.

**Third Quarter**  
KC—FG Butker 50, 12:03.

KC—McCoy 3 run (Butker kick), 6:51.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Oak—FG Carlson 34, 14:56.

KC—Thompson 4 run (Butker kick), 5:24.

Oak—Carrier 4 pass from Carr (kick blocked), 3:26.

A—73,548.

**Penalties—Yards**  
Oak—19 22  
KC—25 122

**Individual Statistics**  
Rushing—Oakland, Carr 3-7, Washington 2-5, Ingot 1-4, Rich 1-2, Davis 1-0. Kansas City, Thompson 11-44, Mahomes 3-25, DarWilliams 6-13, McCoy 5-10, Hardman 1-9, Sherman 1-0, Moore 1-(minus 1), Hill 1-(minus 4).

**Passing—Oakland, Carr 20-30-2-222. Kansas City, Mahomes 15-29-0-175.**

**Receiving—Oakland, Waller 7-100, Washington 3-44, Z Jones 2-14, Ingot 2-13, Carrier 2-10, Mora 1-15, Doss 1-11, T.Williams 1-9, Richard 1-6. Kansas City, McKee 5-90, Hill 5-55, McCoy 3-20, Sherman 1-7, DarWilliams 1-3.**

**MISSED FIELD GOALS—Oakland, Carlson 44.**

# Watson leads Texans to win over Patriots

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Deshaun Watson has long admired Tom Brady for his talent and resilience.

He beat him Sunday night by not only throwing touchdown passes, but by catching one, too. "I told them I'm an athlete ... the more you can do, the longer you play in this league," he said. "So I can do it all."

Watson threw three touchdown passes and had the first TD reception of his career, and the Houston Texans frustrated Brady in a 28-22 victory over the New England Patriots.

Texans coach and former Patriots assistant Bill O'Brien got his first win in six tries against New England coach Bill Belichick. It was Houston's second win over the Patriots and first since Jan. 3, 2010.

Watson had 234 yards passing and three touchdown passes of 14, 13, and 35 yards as Houston (8-4) built a 21-3 lead against New England's vaunted defense.

"This is pretty big just because it's Brady," Watson said. "I was 0-2 against him and who knows when he's going to hang it up. That's my role model, a guy that's been doing it forever, over 20 years ... so it's pretty awesome to finally get one."

Brady completed two of his three TD passes in the final 4 minutes to pull within six. A Patriots (10-2) player got a hand on Jake Bailey's onside kick attempt with 50 seconds remaining, but the ball bounced out of bounds.

"There's really not a whole lot to say here," Belichick said. "The Texans did a good job tonight, across the board, in every area. They were just better than we were."

James White had a 12-yard reception for New England's first touchdown late in the third quarter, but Watson grabbed the first reception of his career on a

### Texans 28, Patriots 22

New England	3	0	6	13-22
Houston	7	7	7	28

**First Quarter**  
NE—FG Forbath 23, 7:04.

Hou—D.Johnson 1 pass from D.Watson (Fairbairn kick), 3:38.

**Second Quarter**  
Hou—Fells 13 pass from D.Watson (Fairbairn kick), 5:41.

Hou—Stills 35 pass from D.Watson (Fairbairn kick), 5:41.

NE—White 12 pass from Brady (kick failed), 2:11.

**Third Quarter**  
Hou—D.Watson 6 pass from Hopkins (Fairbairn kick), 9:53.

NE—White 11 pass from Brady (pass failed), 3:42.

NE—Edelman 20 pass from Brady (Forbath kick), 5:0.

A—72,025.

**Penalties—Yards**  
NE—29 16  
Hou—48 16

**Individual Statistics**  
Rushing—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Passing—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Kickoff Returns—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Interceptions Ret.—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Comp-Att-Int.—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Sacked-Yards Lost.—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Fumbles-Lost.—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Penalties-Yards.—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

Time of Possession.—Texans, Deshaun Watson 29-145, Deshaun Watson 29-145.

**RUSHING—New England, White 14-79, Edelman 10-45, Burkhart 9-15, Brady 1-13, Edelman 1-(minus 7), Houston, D.Johnson 9-36, Hyde 10-17, D.Watson 4-(minus 1).**

**PASSING—New England, Brady 24-47, 1:326. Houston, D.Watson 18-25-0-234, Hopkins 11-1-0.**

**RECEIVING—New England, White 8-98, Edelman 6-106, Meyers 3-46, Sanu 3-14, Dorsett 2-15, Lacoise 1-24, B.Watson 1-23. Houston, Hopkins 5-64, D.Johnson 5-64, Stills 3-61, Fells 2-23, Akins 1-19, Fuller 1-8, D.Watson 1-6, Hyde 1-5.**

**MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.**

**FLIP FROM DeAndre Hopkins on a trick play with about 10 minutes left to make it 28-9. Watson took the snap and handed off to Duke Johnson, and he gave the ball to Hopkins on a reverse to the right. Hopkins tossed to Watson on option near the sideline, and Watson dove into the end zone for a 6-yard score.**

The Patriots entered needing a win to be the first AFC team to clinch a playoff spot after Oakland's loss to Kansas City earlier in the day. Instead, they struggled to sustain drives, and Brady often looked upset on a night he was 24 of 47. He threw an interception and was sacked three times, finishing with 326 yards passing.



DAVID J. PHILLIPS/AP

**Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson dives past New England Patriots linebacker Elandon Roberts to score Sunday in Houston.**



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## SNEAK PEEK?

Ravens-49ers showdown was  
possible Super Bowl glimpseBy Howard Fendrich  
Associated Press

If this edition of 49ers-Ravens — filled with elite players, fourth-down gutsiness and top-notch defense on a rainy afternoon — was indeed a Super Bowl preview, everyone's in for a treat in February.

What Baltimore's 20-17 victory over visiting San Francisco on Sunday showed was that Lamar Jackson is as good as it gets. In addition to being a, if not the, leading MVP candidate, he's as fun to watch as anyone in the sport. It also highlighted that teams can still

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Top: The Ravens' Justin Tucker celebrates after making the winning field goal against the 49ers on Sunday. The Ravens won 20-17. Right: San Francisco wide receiver Marquise Goodwin kneels in the end zone before Sunday's game in Baltimore between two of the best teams in the league.

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